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1975 World Relief Gifts Exceed \$1 Million Mark

RICHMOND (BP) — The announcement that Southern Baptist gifts for world relief, channeled through the Foreign Mission Board, have topped \$1.2 million during the first eight months of 1975 highlighted the board's September meeting here.

The board also appointed a missionary to Spain, appropriated \$99,285 in response to flood damage in Brazil and set aside \$85,000 for work with refugees in Angola, Thailand, Portugal, and Ft. Chaffee, Ark.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, commenting on the \$1.2 million that Baptists have channeled through the board this year, said, "The response of Southern Baptists to world hunger and disaster is bringing help and encouragement throughout the

world. It is a magnificent expression of love and concern on the part of people deeply committed to our Lord's Great Commission."

Everett L. Deane, the board's treasurer, reported that the relief figure at the end of August totaled \$1,259,493. Of this amount, more than \$1 million has been appropriated by the Foreign Mission Board or was designated for specific purposes by donors.

Of the \$99,285 appropriated in response to the flood that hit Recife, Brazil, in mid-July, \$11,000 is for relief of human suffering, \$16,000 is for repairs to Baptist churches and other property, \$35,000 is for repairs and replacement of missionary houses and cars, and \$37,285 will cover personal losses to missionaries. Funds for the last two items dealing with

missionary need were appropriated from current funds, not from relief funds.

"This has been a hard blow for most of the missionary families stationed in Recife, as well as many of their Brazilian friends," said Frank K. Means, the board's secretary for Eastern South America.

"It has not been easy to avoid discouragement and a sense of frustration when most of their personal belongings have been destroyed or seriously damaged," Means said. "Nevertheless, they have faced up to the circum-

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Billy Graham

Crusade Crowd Prays For President Ford

LUBBOCK, Texas — Following the attempted assassination of President Gerald Ford, evangelist Billy Graham called thousands of people to prayer at the West Texas Billy Graham Crusade and announced that he believed the President had a guardian angel protecting him at that critical moment when the attempt was being made on his life.

Just three nights earlier Mr. Graham had preached on angels, the subject of his latest book, in Jones Stadium on the campus of Texas Tech University.

For eight nights, August 31-September 7, the floodlighted Texas Tech football field became a counseling area for thousands of people who publicly walked forward to make a commitment to Jesus Christ during the Crusade meetings. Crowds averaged over 33,000 people per night, and every day the Crusade and the evangelist's messages were front page news in the *Avalanche-Journal* newspaper.

Reconciliation between estranged couples, renewed communications between parents and their teenagers, deepening in

prayer and Bible reading, and newfound peace with God were some of the life changes behind the statistics of the meetings.

The Graham Team was invited to Lubbock by church leaders who had originally hoped to schedule the meetings for 1976. But the Team calendar during the bicentennial year was already full. Then, four months ago, a change in the Crusade schedule due to the indefinite postponement of the Lisbon, Portugal, Crusade made it possible for the evangelist to go to Lubbock this fall. The committee responded quickly and mobilized all of West Texas for the meetings. Crusade Executive Committee Chairman Bob Nash said, "I'd like to do it again. You can't believe how everybody got involved."

More than 3,000 prayer groups in 40 West Texas cities and towns began to pray for the Crusade. Each of the 23,000 students at Texas Tech were prayed for by name even before they returned to campus to begin their fall term studies. Lubbock's mayor Roy Bass called the working together

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Astronaut Pogue Resign To Join Irwin's 'High Flight'

HOUSTON (BP) — Astronaut William R. Pogue, co-holder of the record for time spent in space, has announced his resignation from the space program and plans to join another former astronaut's evangelistic organization.

Pogue, a native of Okemah, Okla., and a Southern Baptist deacon, will join High Flight, headed by another Southern Baptist layman, Jim Irwin, and headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo. Pogue will continue to live in Houston.

The Oklahoma Baptist spaceman was one of three crewmen on Skylab 3 which set a record of 84 days in space in 1973.

"I was tired of the space program and was looking for some-

thing challenging," said Pogue, who will join High Flight in November. He added that the space program is currently concerned with tedious details in preparation for the space shuttle program.

Pogue has worked with Irwin's organization in the past, helping give guidance for some of the materials expressing its purpose and also designing the foundation's logo. In his new work, Pogue said he will be speaking to church and civic groups and making trips with the group's mobile space museum.

E. Y. Mullins

Award Goes To

W. O. Vaught

LOUISVILLE (BP) — W. O. Vaught of Little Rock, Ark., was presented the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award for 1975 during the founder's day ceremonies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The award, the highest recognition given by the seminary's board of trustees, was given first in 1963. It was presented by Duke McCall, seminary president, to Vaught, who addressed the founder's day audience. Founder's day celebrated the 75th anniversary of the school's W. O. Carver Chair of Christian Missions, the oldest chair of missions in the world.

Vaught, a Southern Seminary graduate and pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, is immediate past president of the Foreign Mission Board. He has been active in state and national denominational affairs.

HMB Appoints Personnel, Hears Report On Economy

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors, meeting here, elected a new staff member and appointed 24 missionaries and missionary associates.

The Board heard from its loan division director a report on the influence of the current economic situation on the work of the churches.

Eleven student interns, who will serve as missionary associates as

they complete their education, were among those appointed.

Arthur B. Rutledge, the board's executive director, reported to the executive committee that receipts from Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions continue to run about 5.5 percent ahead of the 1974 pace.

The receipts to date, he said, were \$8,114,550, almost equal the amount received throughout 1974. Rutledge said that if they continue

at the same pace "chances are good the full goal of \$8.5 million will be reached and hopefully exceeded."

Rutledge added that the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget receipts are running some 8.4 percent ahead of the 1974 record.

Kenneth Brooks, a pastoral missionary serving El Portal Baptist Mission, El Portal and Yose-

mite, Calif., was named associate director of the department of missionary personnel, filling a vacancy existing since Don Rhymes resigned last spring to accept a pastorate in Hawaii.

A native of Las Cruces, N. Mex., Brooks was appointed a pastoral missionary to California in 1973. He previously had served as chaplain intern at Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Tex., and

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Bicentennial Feature

Accused Baptist Preacher Converts Member Of Jury

ORANGE COUNTY, Va., 1767 (BP) — A Baptist preacher charged by a grand jury here with unlawful preaching made such an able defense of his position that one of the jurors later was converted by his testimony.

The juror who said he found the preacher's testimony irrefutable is John Waller. Once known as "Swearing John Waller" to his friends and a man hostile to all forms of religion, the new Baptist convert said he wrestled with his conscience for some eight months before making a profession of faith.

Following his recent baptism, Waller began preaching almost immediately and is beginning to arouse the displeasure of the state church of Virginia, observers note.

The Baptist preacher whose arguments won Waller is Lewis Craig, also a recent convert to the Baptist faith. Craig's zeal promptly stirred the ire of the state church, and he was presented to the grand jury, of which Waller was a member, to face charges of preaching and conducting unlawful worship services.

After indicting Craig, the jury retired to a tavern where they were confronted by the accused. He had come "to thank them for their sudden attention."

"When I was into all finds of folly and vice, the courts took no notice of me," Craig told the grand jury. "But now that I have forsaken all these vices and am warning men to forsake and repent of their sins, you bring me to the bar as a common criminal. How do you explain all this?"

Craig's boldness and the soundness of his argument left the surprised jurors speechless. But Waller later said it prompted him to begin some earnest soul searching. Waller said he recognized that the Baptist preacher had a strength of character which he lacked, but for which he longed. He began to listen to other Baptist preachers at every opportunity.

About eight months after he had joined in indicting Craig for preaching the gospel, Waller was a Baptist himself. And now he is engaged in spreading the same good news.

First in a series of four articles By J. Terry Young

Dr. J. Terry Young is associate professor of theology, New Orleans Seminary.

I appreciate your concern for my spiritual development. Let me assure you that I, too, walk with God. I am earnestly convinced that I have the Holy Spirit in my life even though I have not had an experience like you say you have had. I am just as convinced as you are about your experience.

Let me share my testimony with you. I was born into a home overshadowed by God's presence. My mother and father were earnest, sincere Christians. Some of my earliest memories are of my mo-

ther telling me Bible stories, reading to me from the Scriptures, and leading me in prayer in a daily devotional time. As I look back now, I realize that this was part of the way that the Holy Spirit was preparing me for my conversion in later years.

In reality the fact that I am here at all is a tribute to God's active presence in my parent's life, through the work of the Holy Spirit. I suppose that I am a miracle baby, born to a seemingly barren womb, somewhat like Samuel of the Old Testament. After years of childlessness had passed my mother made a prayer—vow to God that if he would give her a son, she would dedicate him to God's service. It was only after

this that I was born. And it was only by the grace of God that I survived. In fact, my mother and I both nearly died during a traumatic ordeal in the delivery room. The skilled specialist called in to assist in the life - and - death struggle took one look at me when I was born and told the nurses, "Put him over there - he can't possibly live. Let's concentrate on saving the mother."

But God's Holy Spirit was in that delivery room and I did live, despite the famed doctor's judgment. My godly grandmother, who was in the delivery room, stepped forward and began to tend to me. For days when I was too weak to eat, she patiently fed me, a drop

at a time. I survived that early ordeal because God was there in the person of his Holy Spirit.

When I was eight years old I came to a personal experience of trust in Jesus as my Savior. In our daily devotional time, mother drew to a focus what she and faithful Sunday School teachers had been telling me for years. She told me that Jesus had given his life for me and I could be saved from my sins by giving my life to him as my Savior. My little boy's heart burned within. The Holy Spirit was speaking to me. I gladly took Jesus into my heart that day. From that day forward I was conscious that God was in my life in a way that he

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Wong Granted Visa To Enter Mainland China

WASHINGTON (BP) — David Wong, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been granted a visa by the People's Republic of China for a three-week visit in his homeland, beginning Sept. 10, according to a report from the BWA office here.

Wong, an architect and layman from Hong Kong, was to enter Mainland China as an individual, not as an official representative of the BWA. However, he is the first Baptist church official to visit the mainland since the late 1940s, according to the BWA.

A native of Wuchow, China, Wong lived in Canton before the Communist occupation. He has lived in Hong Kong since 1949.

I Too Walk With God

A Non-Charismatic Writes To His Charismatic Friends

ther telling me Bible stories, reading to me from the Scriptures, and leading me in prayer in a daily devotional time. As I look back now, I realize that this was part of the way that the Holy Spirit was preparing me for my conversion in later years.

Dr. C. Brownlow Hastings will be the speaker Sept. 30 when three Mississippi personalities will be honored for their distinguished services by the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference.

Those to be honored are The Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini, bishop of the diocese of Natchez-Jackson; Dr. Henry C. Clay Jr., staff member of the Mississippi Conference Council of Ministries of the United Methodist Church; and Mrs. Celeste L. Orkin, member of the Beth Israel Congregation.

Others to appear on the program will be Mississippi Governor William L. Waller; Rabbi

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as pastor of First Baptist Church, Ingram, Tex. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Citing the possibility of severe fluctuations in the national economy, the director of the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board's loan division cautioned and reduced income as they set programs and salaries and consider building projects.

Reporting to the board's church loans committee on "the current

economic situation and its influence on the churches," Robert H. Kilgore said economic indicators point to rising incomes for church members but also to galloping inflation that will erode their purchasing power and the value of the offering plate dollar.

He cautioned churches to avoid incurring large building debts at the expense of meeting growing program needs.

"An insecure economy may produce wide fluctuations in church income," he said. "Churches need to be slow to create large debt

and other long-ranged fixed obligations."

The loans director predicted future changes in the national economic cycles — booms and recessions — may be "more frequent, severe and widespread."

He also said he foresees the possibility that churches may have to sign variable interest rate notes for building loans with the interest rate going up or down with economic factors, such as prime rate or some economic index.

Another loan possibility is longer term loans with short-term maturities to be paid in full at the end of the short term or renegotiated on current economics.

"For instance, a church may have to get a loan for 25 years but with a short-term maturity of 10 years," he explained. "At the end of 10 years, the note will be paid in full or renegotiated on current economics."

The Home Mission Board also may be forced to consider such

policies, Kilgore said.

For the last several years the board has made loans totaling some \$10 million each year to churches for buildings, building sites and renovations.

Tight money policies by the government that increased interest rates and cut off local funding almost doubled requests for Home Missions Board loans in 1974-75. The loans division was forced to call six-month moratorium on processing new requests, and the interest rate on board loans increased from 8.5 to 9 per cent.

In July, the board's directors named a special committee of five businessmen to counsel the loans division and the directors on future policies of the division in view of the economic conditions.

Members of the committee are Harmon Born, Atlanta; Bob Thomason, Lake Worth, Fla.; Steve Neely, Nashville; W. Roy McCollum Jr., Atlanta; and Jim Cantrell, Dallas.

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"the most significant united spiritual thrust in my memory."

Rallies in high school and shopping malls, speaking engagements in jails, civic clubs, churches and on military bases were arranged and coordinated by the Crusade committees.

The West Texas Crusade was part of Lubbock's bicentennial celebration. National Bicentennial Chairman John Warner flew to Lubbock from Washington, D. C., Wednesday night to share with the Crusade audience some of the spiritual roots of the United States.

Both Texas Tech's Red Raider coach Steve Sloan and American Football Coach of the Year, Grant Taff of the Baylor University Bears, stood on the Crusade platform to tell the largely student populated audience what following Jesus Christ meant to them. Other guest speakers during the Crusade week included Steve Davis, quarterback of the University of Oklahoma football team.

Ethel Waters sang the first night of the Crusade followed on other nights by Norma Zimmer, Archie Dennis, June Hunt, Paulino Bernal, Beverly Terrell, Skip Fletcher, the Jones Sisters and the Good News Circle. They were supported by Team regulars George Beverly Shea, Tedd Smith

and John Innes. Cliff Barrows directed the 2,700-voice choir made up of local Texans.

A five day School of Evangelism was held in conjunction with the Crusade drawing 1,100 pastors, their wives and seminary students from 13 states and five foreign countries to study evangelism under the leadership of men and women who have demonstrated successful methods of winning others to Jesus Christ.

Every night when the counseling in the stadium was over, teams of co-laborers worked until the early morning hours processing the inquirers' cards so that follow up by the churches could be made within 24 hours of the person's decision.

By mid-week, church leaders were commenting that the commitments made during the services were bringing absent church members back into the church.

After referring to what he called "the profound effect" that the decisions to follow Christ will have on the West Texas communities, Bob Nash, news media executive, added, "When I was asked to be chairman, I was so busy with my work that if my pastor had not been there I would have turned it down. That would have been the biggest mistake I ever made."

Mrs. Ford Replies To Critics On Stand Taken In Interview

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The White House has disclosed that Betty Ford is answering the nearly 28,000 letters and telegrams she received as a result of her televised comments on premarital sex.

To date, the mail includes "8,000 pros and 19,000 cons," according to Sheila Weidenfeld, press secretary to the First Lady.

Mrs. Ford's letters to her critics explain that she does not believe in premarital sex, but that she realizes that many young people in her daughter's generation do not share this view. The controversy arose from the First Lady's comments in a television interview that she "wouldn't be surprised" to find her daughter, 18, was having an affair.

Among the favorable letters to Mrs. Ford, released by the White House, was one from a North Carolina woman which contained this comment: "I respect your loving and open attitude towards your family. It will help other mothers like myself to have your example in open and honest communication with your children."

Among the critics was an Alabama woman, who wrote: "My husband and I have given strong support to President Ford, but I fear you have lost many votes among the Catholics, Baptists and Methodists by publicly putting your personal views before the nation."

A listener from Illinois wrote, "Silence is golden."

Released by the White House in the following letter sent by Mrs. Ford to her critics:

"Thank you for writing about my appearance on the '60 Minutes' interview.

"The concerns which inspired you to share your views are appreciated.

"I wish it were possible for us to sit down together and talk to one another. I consider myself a responsible parent. I know I am a loving one. We have raised our four children in a home that believes in and practices the enduring values of morality and personal integrity.

"As every mother and father knows, these are not easily times to be a parent. Our convictions are continually being questioned and tested by the fads and fantasies of the moment. I believe our values to be eternal and I hope I have instilled them in our children.

"We have come to this sharing

of outlooks through communication, not coercion. I want my children to know that their concerns—their doubts and their difficulties—whatever they may be, can be discussed with the two people in this world who care the most—their mother and father."

"On '60 Minutes' the emotion of my words spoke to the need of this communication — rather than the specific issues we discussed."

"My husband and I have lived 26 years of faithfulness in marriage. I do not believe in premarital relationships, but I realize that many in today's generation do not share my views. However, this must never cause us to withdraw the love, the counseling and the understanding that they may need now more than ever before."

"This is the essence of responsible parenthood. It is difficult to adequately express one's personal convictions in a 15-minute interview. I hope our lives will say more than words about our dedication to honor, to integrity, to humanity and to God."

"You and I, they and I, have no quarrels."

Sincerely
Betty Ford."

Dallas Baptist College Gets Challenge Grants

DALLAS (BP) — A Dallas businessman has challenged financially-plagued Dallas Baptist College here to raise \$750,000 and says he will match it in two stages.

W. E. Thorn, the college's new president, said A. Webb Roberts, a businessman and trustee of the school, will give the college \$250,000 in unrestricted cash if the college raises \$500,000 by February 1. Roberts will then add an additional challenge gifts of \$500,000 in endowment funds if the school can raise an additional \$250,000.

"This will allow us to pay off our most burdensome debts," Thorn said.

VITORIA, Brazil — Decisions for Christ numbering 140, were registered here at the 13th annual Royal Ambassador encampment at Vitoria's Camp Tupy. About 250 young men attended.

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stances with wisdom, promptness, and a remarkable amount of courage."

To aid refugees in politically-troubled Angola, the board appropriated \$50,000. Missionaries Harrison H. Pike and Curtis Dixon have returned to Angola to administer relief efforts. W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's disaster response coordinator, also is visiting the Central African country to review relief needs.

Other assistance includes \$20,000 to aid refugees in Thailand who have fled Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia; \$5,000 to assist Angolan refugees in Portugal; and \$10,000 for ministries among Vietnamese refugees in Ft. Chaffee, Ark.

Joe S. Vasquez was appointed as a missionary to Spain, assigned to general evangelism. Born in Mercedes, Tex., he also has lived in Refugio, Tex., Sunnyside, Wash., and Seattle, Wash.

Religious Leadership

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Richard Birnholz of the Beth Israel congregation; Dr. T. B. Brown, pastor of Mt. Helm Baptist Church; Rev. Duncan M. Gray, bishop of Mississippi; and Bishop Brunini. Guests will include Mrs. Waller, Lt. Gov. and Mrs. William Winter and Mayor and Mrs. Russell Davis.

Tickets may be obtained from Dr. William P. Davis, executive director of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference.



Calvary, Tupelo, Has Study Retreat For Deaf

Calvary Church, Tupelo, was sponsor of the third annual Bible Study Retreat for the Deaf on Sept. 6 and 7. The setting was Tombigbee State Park. Rodney Webb, Director of Language Missions, Cooperative Missions, Jackson, directed the retreat. He was assisted by James Fair, a layman, of Houston, Texas, who led the singing and who planned the recreational features of the program. Mr. Fair is deaf, and Mr. Webb is the son of deaf parents.

Eighty-nine people, most of them deaf, participated. Interpreters and other interested church workers also came. The states of Alabama and Tennessee, as well as Mississippi, were represented.

An innovation in this year's retreat was a specially planned program for the children. Crafts, films, a nature scavenger hunt, and games made this an instructive and enjoyable weekend for the hearing children, who were brought by deaf parents or grandparents.

This year's theme for study was "What is the Church?" and stressed the responsibilities of the church.

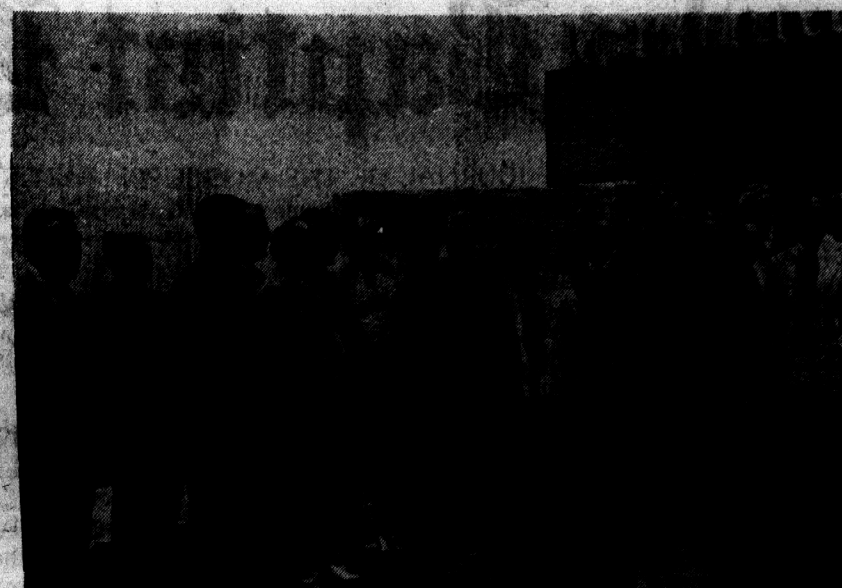
J. Chester Durham Dies In Kentucky
LOUISVILLE (BP) — Memorial services for J. Chester Durham, assistant to the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, were held here September 10. He died two days earlier at his home, following a period of declining health.

Durham had been a staffer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 1942, when he joined the convention as director of Baptist student work. He was recognized for his expertise in student work across the Southern Baptist Convention. He served as state student director until he became assistant to the executive secretary in 1972.

Miss Carolyn Weatherford was a guest Sept. 7 of the congregation of Pine Grove Church of House. This is the home church of her family.

Miss Weatherford is executive secretary of the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The pastor, Rev. R. R. Newman asked for a report and testimony from Miss Weatherford.



A portion of the 26 Mississippians who will be in Wyoming in October for an enlargement-improvement campaign is shown above. They were at the Baptist Building in Jackson for a period of orientation directed by Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of Sunday School Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mississippians To Conduct Campaign In Wyoming

Twenty-six Mississippians will be in Wyoming Oct. 25-30 for a Sunday School Enlargement-Improvement Campaign sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Rev. Bryant Cummings is director of the Sunday School Department. Rev. Cummings will be co-director of the campaign along with Rev. Don Platt of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention.

Four of the Mississippians will go to Casper. Rev. G. A. McCoy of Picayune will be with Mt. View Baptist Church; Rev. David Milligan, McComb, with College Heights; Rev. Harold Felming, McComb, with Boyd Avenue; and Rev. Glen Williams, McComb, with First Southern Baptist Church.

Three will go to Cheyenne. They are Rev. Bill Hardy, Columbus, North Cheyenne; A. V. Windham, Hattiesburg, First Southern; and David Hulsey, Hattiesburg, Sunnyside.

Rev. Roy Myers of Independence will go to Calvary Church, Sheridan; Rev. Tommy Tutor of Holly Springs to Big Horn Church, Buffalo; Doug Self, Durant,

to First Southern, Glenrock; Rev. Bill Smith, Nettleton; Rev. Ferrell Cork, Aberdeen, to First Southern, Worland.

Dr. Norman O'Neal of Clinton will go to Lander Valley Church, Lander; Don Blackwell, Magee, to First Southern, Powell; Rev. Dick Brogan, Jackson, to Hillcrest Church, Riverton; Rev. Ervin Brown, Hernando, to Calvary Church, Rock Springs; and Rev. Armond D. Taylor, Olive Branch, to Monroe Avenue Church, Green River.

Rev. S. A. Adkins of Lucedale will go to First Church, Kemmerer; Rev. James Ruffin, Meridian, to Bridger Valley Church, Lyman; Rev. Guy Reedy, Water Valley, to Saratoga Church, Saratoga; and Bob Gray, Pascagoula, to Bethel Church, Rawlins.

Rev. Gerald Buckley of Natchez will go to Shirley Basin Church in Shirley Basin; James Webster, Jackson, to Medicine Bow Church, Medicine Bow; Dr. James Porch, Clinton; to Hanna Church, Hanna; Rev. Tom Hudson, Jackson, to Elk Mountain Church, Elk Mountain; and Rev. John Cooper, Tupelo, to Oakstreet Church, Kiri-ball.

Taylor To Address Church Communications Meet

The Church Communications Conference Sept. 29-30 at the Baptist Building in Jackson will feature five out-of-state speakers covering as many aspects of communications.

The opening address, however, will be by a Mississippi pastor, Dr. John Lee Taylor of First Church, Grenada. His topic will be "The Church and the Communications Explosion."

Other personalities will be George Clark, Nashville, editor of Church Administration magazine; Jack Lawler, Austin, Texas, president of Jack Lawler Advertising; Ralph McEntire, Chattanooga, Tenn., pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church; Claud O'Sheilds, Wilmington, N. C., vice-president of TimeRite, Inc.; and Wesley M. Pattillo Jr., Louisville, Ky., vice-president for development of Southern Seminary. The purpose of the conference

will be to help pastors, staff, and church public relations committee members to catch a vision of the potential of contemporary media for sharing the gospel, know how to organize and launch a church communications program, and be able to use selected mass media techniques effectively.

It will begin at 1:45 on the first day and continue until 4 p.m. the second day. There will be a \$5 registration fee to cover the cost of materials and refreshments.

Reservation requests should be mailed to Rev. Leon Emery at Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Northwest Pastors' Conference Sept. 23

The first meeting of the fall session of the Northwest Pastors' Conference will be at Temple Heights Church, in Oxford on September 23, at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin with a Fellowship period at 9:30.

Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be guest speaker.

Teacher Training Meeting Rescheduled For One Day

A training meeting for five selected or elected association Sunday School teachers has been rescheduled for one day only Oct. 14 at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

It will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 4:30 p.m.

The meeting originally was scheduled for Oct. 13 and 14. The teachers selected will be able to be involved in two Bible study periods and five hours of age group and general officer orientation and training.

The plan is for those taught in this meeting to be able to return to their associations to teach and give leadership in association central or group training schools.

Motel and meal expenses will be paid by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Rev. Bryant Cummings, director. Gasoline expense will be paid at the rate of three cents per



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person per car. Thus a car with five riding would be funded at 15 cents per mile. This is for the round trip, Rev. Cummings said.

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will present the Bible study. Other staff members include Mary Elizabeth Headland, Houston, preschool; Fred Heifner, Nashville, children; Dennis E. Conniff III, Nashville, youth; Myrte Veach, Nashville, adult; and Bernard Spooner, Fort Worth, general officers.



Pictured left to right are Mrs. Robert Smira, state WMU president; Mr. Chester Vaughn, Program Director, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi WMU. Mr. Vaughn spoke to an overflow crowd of women during one of the sessions of WMU Camp at Garaywa.



Standing room only — in the recently redecorated auditorium at Camp Garaywa.

Camp Garaywa Overflows

A total of 3,756 girls and women have taken advantage of camping and training activities provided by Woman's Missionary Union this summer.

A lively program of missions camping, directed by Marilyn Hopkins, Acteens Director, interested 1,873 GAs and Acteens in Mississippi.

Working with a staff composed

of 29 Mississippi college students, Miss Hopkins conducted nine weeks of camping activities built around the theme, "Sharing His Love."

Missions emphases were led by staff members as they explained the plan of Southern Baptist missions to the girls and helped them know about missionaries from the past such as Lottie Moon, Luther Rice, Wimpy Harper, and many others.

Current activities were shared by both foreign and home missionaries who participated in the camping program during the weeks at Garaywa.

Recreation is also a vital part of the schedule, and campers as well as staffers enjoyed ping pong, shuffleboard, swimming, and many other activities.

Camp Garaywa is also the site of training conferences for leaders in WMU organizations in the state.

During a recent series of train-

ing sessions, including extension meetings in north and south Mississippi, 1,883 women came to learn more about the duties which they will have during 1975-1976.

With an emphasis on Training in Missions Education, WMU is striving to train both leaders and members in the various programs of Woman's Missionary Union.

Camp Garaywa has served for 28 years as a place of camping, fellowship, and training for girls

Camp Garaywa summer staff — left to right, front row, Bobbie Lee Dennis, Pat Smith, Emily Morgan, Paula Stringer, Karen Kennedy, Pam Webb, Charlotte Burnette, Betsy Duckworth, Sherry McDill. Second row, Marilyn Hopkins, Vicki Little, Marilyn Livingston, Nola Williams, Janie

Boykin, Betty Ragan, Joani Hiatt, Mary Smith, Third row, Bonnie Cruse, Evelyn Evans, Mary Sanford, Marcia McDuffy, Susan Ezell, Valerie Brewer, Susan Wilkerson. Fourth row, Cindi Gardner, Vivian Aldrich, Janis Foreman, Tessa Townsend, Susie White, Wanda Sue Kendall.

Summer Program Staff - Camp Garaywa 1975

Western Recorder Names Jim Cox Associate Editor

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP) — James H. Cox Sr. of Nashville, Tenn., has been elected associate editor of the Western Recorder, weekly state newspaper for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, published here.

Cox, 35, a native of Pineville, Ky., will succeed Bob Terry, who resigned the Western Recorder post in August to accept the editorship of the Word and Way, news publication of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Cox will assume his duties Sept. 15.

As associate editor, Cox will take responsibility for the publication's layout, news and feature content, advertising and liaison with Kentucky Baptist Convention departments, according to C. R. Daley, Western Recorder editor. He will also assist in representing the paper at churches and associational meetings.

Cox, a 16-year veteran of denominational journalism and public relations, has directed public relations and alumni affairs at Belmont College, a Baptist School in Nashville, since July, 1972. He previously served as Belmont's public relations director, 1963-65.

Before each tour of duty at Belmont, Cox worked for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, first as a news writer in its public relations office, 1959-63, and then as advertising copy editor and communications specialist for its book store division, 1965-72.

Mrs. Henderson To Be At State Prayer Retreat

Mrs. Guy Henderson, missionary to the Philippines, will be sharing prayer experiences at the Baptist Women Prayer Retreat, Oct. 1-4, at Camp Garaywa.

In the natural outdoor setting of Garaywa, participants will enjoy quiet meditation times, Bible study, and prayer sharing.

The retreat will begin at 2 p.m., October 3, and will continue through noon on Saturday.

To register for this weekend of personal reflection and inspiration, send your name along with \$2 registration fee to Ethel McKeithen, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. An additional \$5 will be paid on arrival at Garaywa.

Plan to attend the Baptist Women Prayer Retreat with a group from your church. Remember to bring your Bible, sheets, pillow case, and towels when you come.

About Liquor Elections, Consumption And TV

By J. Clark Hensley
Christian Action Commission
Three Counties Stay Dry in Recent Election

Rankin County won the recent beer election by a larger vote than the last election. Montgomery County voted dry by a good solid margin on both liquor and beer, while Grenada County won on liquor by 41 votes.

According to reports, election petitions are currently being circulated in Winston, Walthall, and Jasper counties.

It is not too soon to stop the trend toward more availability of intoxicating beverages. More availability means more consumption, and more consumption means more alcohol-related problems. The pressures for young people to drink are severe, especially from the mass media.

"Alcoholic drinks, from wine to whiskey, are featured on more than eight out of 10 prime time TV shows on U. S. networks." So says John Dillin, Staff Correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor in a comprehensive, well-documented study of drinking scenes on television. The Dillin series appeared in the Monitor on June 30, July 1, and 2, 1975. They pointed out that in spite of the Television Code of the National Association of Broadcasters, which says that the use of liquor should be deemphasized, "the three major American networks, C. B. S., N. B. C., and A. B. C., have made liquor the most common drink on TV."

Monitor tabulations viewed and made tapes of 250 hours of regular

prime time evening entertainment programs and found that liquor was commonplace. Such shows as "Mannix," "Maude," "M*A*S*H," and "Gunsmoke," were all guilty of the use of liquor. The latter two, had the greatest amount of drinking during the prime evening hours. M*A*S*H has been selected by CBS for the new family viewing period the networks are launching next fall.

The Monitor article notes that "TV shows are keeping liquor prominently before the public eye in spite of a prohibition against commercial advertisements for hard alcoholic spirits on television."

Alcohol is indeed the No. 1 Drug Abuse Problem, and teenage drinking is becoming much more widespread. It hardly makes sense to criminalize some mind-altering drugs and legalize others. In terms of physical health and related economic and social problems, there can be no rational explanation for the national permissiveness toward alcohol.

Officials of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism have expressed concern over four aspects of liquor on TV: (1) Its frequent use, often as a prop, (2) Portrayal of drunkenness as humorous, (3) Depiction of alcohol as a problem solver, and (4) Portrayal of liquor as glamorous, sophisticated, or an indication of maturity.

It is important to write letters of protest to television stations and networks and to contact advertisers whose spots appear with the offending programs.

Larson Will Speak At Lay Renewal Conference

Bruce Larson, nationally known author, television personality and lay renewal leader, will deliver the keynote address at the first Southern Baptist lay renewal conference Oct. 24-26 in Atlanta.

The address by Larson, executive director and president of Faith at Work, Inc., an interdenominational renewal organization in Columbia, Md., will kick off the "ceLAYbration" for Southern Baptist pastors and lay persons at Quality Inn in Presidential Park.

About 400 pastors and lay persons in the Southeastern part of the United States who are involved in renewal or interested in the concept are expected to attend the conference sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board.

Larson, who lives on Sanibel Island, Fla., near St. Petersburg, will share the podium with Bill Clemmons of Louisville, Ky., director of the Vineyard Conference Center, and Fred Roach of Dallas, executive director of Centennial Homes.

Clemmons will lead the con-

ference daily to make personal applications to speakers' messages.

Roach will make one of the major addresses at the "ceLAYbration," said David Haney, director of lay renewal for the Commission.

The messages will focus on God's new people in evangelism, ministry, discipleship, fellowship, and action in the world, Haney said.

Larson, a Presbyterian, is currently field testing research on a modular learning center at Princeton Theological Seminary. He's the author of nine books printed in six languages and host of the national television series, "Search."

The regional conference is part of a vast Southern Baptist lay renewal effort, which includes lay renewal weekends in 1,000 churches in all 50 states during 1975. The weekends are expected to involve 200,000 Southern Baptists, Haney said.

Registration for the "ceLAYbration" is \$15 per person. Room and meals during the conference cost \$35.

Registration and reservation forms are available by writing Lay Renewal, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., 38104, Haney said.

Religious News Scheduled On 60 Mississippi Stations

A five-minute religious news broadcast called "Newscope" is being heard on 60 Mississippi radio stations weekly.

"Newscope" is a compilation of the religious news from several denominations affecting all of Mississippi. It is written in Jackson by Don McGregor, director of the Mississippi Baptist News Service, and sent to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth for taping.

Stan Knowles of the commission's staff handles the taping. Broadcasting is usually on Saturday or Sunday.

A list of the 60 stations carrying Newscope at the present time follows.

Radio Station	City
WMPA	Aberdeen
WAMY	Amory
WPUP	Bay St. Louis
WLOX	Biloxi
WVMI	Biloxi
WRKN	Brandon
WRHJ	Brookhaven
WECP	Carthage
WJBI	Clarksdale
WROX	Clarksdale
WCLD	Cleveland
WCJU	Columbia
WMCB	Columbus
WCBT	Columbus
WCMA	Corinth
WBSJ	Ellisville
WMAG	Forest
WDDT	Greenville
WGVN	Greenville
WNAG	Grenada
WRIL	Grenada
WGCM	Gulfport
WROA	Gulfport
WBKH	Hattiesburg
WFOR	Hattiesburg
WXXX	Hattiesburg
WCPC	Houston
WVOM	Iuka
WJDX	Jackson
WJQS	Jackson
WLIN	Jackson
WJFR	Jackson
WAML	Laurel
WLAU	Laurel
WESY	Greenville
WXTN	Lexington
WAPF	McComb
WAKK	McComb
WDAL	Meridian

WOKK, Meridian
WNAT, Natchez
WMIS, Natchez
WSUH, Oxford
WPMO, Pascagoula
WHOC, Philadelphia
WRJW, Piquette
WRJW, Poplarville
WSAO, Senatobia
WSSO, Starkville
WTUP, Tupelo
WTKL, Tylertown
WKYV, Vicksburg
WVIM, Vicksburg
WQBC, Vicksburg
WABO, Waynesboro
WONA, Winona
WIGG, Wiggins
WSJC FM, Magee
WLSM, Louisville
WNLA, Indianola

Purvis Pastor Participates In English Crusade

Dr. Thomas M. Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Purvis, is the only Mississippian among 110 American pastors involved in a crusade in Scotland and England. It is the Northeast English Evangelistic Crusade, which began Sept. 10 and will last until Sept. 25.

Evangelistic rallies were conducted in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Stockton-on-Tees through Sept. 13 and revival services were to be conducted in churches Sept. 14-21. Special engagements were to be held in schools and in civic meetings.

A final rally is scheduled for London on Sept. 25.

First Baptist Church, Purvis, has underwritten the pastor's expenses for this crusade. Laymen of the church are leading in special prayer services.

I Too Walk With God A Non-Charismatic Writes To His Charismatic Friends

(Continued from page 1)
had not been before. I could not have explained it then, but I now know that the Holy Spirit had entered my life.

I would like to say to you that my life has been a steady pattern of growth and godliness from the day of my conversion until now. But, it hasn't been that way. I can tell you, however, that the Holy Spirit has been at work all along, guiding me here, nudging me there. As I look back now, I realize that it was only his presence that brought me through the right choices and brought me out of some wrong paths at some critical points along the way. And during some of those difficult teenage years the Holy Spirit would not let me have peace of mind and heart when I was not walking in the will of God. It was the working of the Holy Spirit that brought me to a very meaningful deeper dedication to Christian living and a fuller perspective on what it means to be a Christian.

As an older youth, I had my career plans all set. I wanted to be an engineer or a nuclear scientist. But I found that each time I shared my plans with someone, something down inside of me was telling me that there was something else for me to do. The Holy Spirit was speaking to me, laying upon my heart God's will for my life. When I finally realized that God was speaking to me, calling me to the ministry, I answered his call and committed

my life to serving him in vocational Christian service wherever and however he might lead.

There was never a more unlikely prospect for the ministry than I was. I was shy, afraid of people. My aptitudes profile showed that I should not follow a profession that required working with people. I was almost wholly inclined toward scientific and mechanical interests and aptitudes. But God knew what he was doing. His Holy Spirit was at work equipping me for the task he had called me to do. Just a year or so later my psychological profile showed that I was very high in social interests, interests in working with people, and low in scientific and mechanical interests. Just the reverse of a year or two prior! Whatever abilities I have in the ministry have been gifts of God's Holy Spirit. Yes, I did pursue long years of formal study as preparation for the ministry, but I recognize that whatever abilities I have are gifts of the Spirit of God and the education was God's way of developing those gifts within me (Eph. 4:11-14).

I have found the Holy Spirit's work in my life in many ways across the years. Sometimes I have been vividly aware of his work at the time. At other times, I have not been aware of his work until I looked back upon the way that I had passed.

I have found him translating written words on the page of scripture into a flaming, living

message that penetrated into the innermost parts of my being. I have found him guiding me into fuller understanding of what God is saying in His Word.

I have found him near to give me guidance when I was at the end of my human resources. He has given me strength when I had little or none of my own. He has opened doors for me when I appeared to be at the end of a dead-end street. He has provided places of service for me across the years. In many ways he has blessed me.

I have found him working through my efforts in his service. I have seen him taking my stammering words and using them to touch men's hearts and bring them to God. I have watched him use my feeble efforts to bind up broken hearts and help suffering people through innumerable crises. And I knew that it was not I who was doing it. In sober reflection I knew that it was God's Holy Spirit who had done it. Through me, yes. But I have known all along that it was the Holy Spirit acting through me and not something that I was doing.

I can tell you of many wonderful experiences I have had with God. Times when I have grown. Times when I have been strengthened. Or comforted. Or encouraged. There have been high moments too sacred to share. I have walked with God across the years with his Holy Spirit dwelling in me. (I Cor. 6:19) Yes, there have been

times when my heart was cold and lonely, but he has not left me in that kind of desolation or indifference.

I cannot point to a time when the Holy Spirit entered my life except the time of my conversion. On that day, he established a personal relationship with me and I have been learning to live under his leadership ever since. Gradually he is accomplishing God's purposes in me.

Since he has been my companion across the years, sometimes even when I did not recognize him, I have a hard time understanding why you keep talking about receiving the Holy Spirit as though that were some great experience that Christians should look forward to. I really don't know what more I could ask of God. He has saved me, put his Holy Spirit within me, and has made me a joint heir of his riches with Jesus Christ. What is it you are talking about? What else is God doing?

RICHMOND, Va. — A five-year Community Health Program has been approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and will begin operation this fall near Bangalore, India. The Community Health Program will provide health care for at least 2,000 people in four villages the first year and will expand to serve 5,000 villagers within four years.

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EDITORIAL

New Plan Promises Sunday School Growth

There long has been a maxim among Southern Baptists that if you wish to build a great church, build a great Sunday school.

This has been proved true again and again all across the convention, with large churches and small ones, enlarging their Sunday schools and seeing marked growth in all other areas of the church life. It has happened so often, that few would dispute the truth of the saying.

In the period from about 1925 to 1965 Southern Baptists placed great emphasis on enlarging the Sunday school, and in the period the churches and the convention saw the greatest advances of their history.

Around 1965, however, something seemed to happen, for increases in the Sunday school began to slow down, and then, even to drop, with the result that other church programs also began to level off and even lose ground. Where there were no losses, the dramatic advances of the past decades no longer appeared. An examination of SBC statistics for the ten year periods from 1954-64, and 1964-74, clearly reveals the trends. While the number of churches has continued to grow during the past decade, and membership and finances also have continued to grow, evidences of a

slow down clearly can be seen when one studies the statistical reports.

Leaders have been deeply concerned about this, and diligently have sought for means of again achieving Sunday school growth. Numerous ideas and plans have been tried, with varied success. Church busing, dual services, and other plans, are among the things which have been tried, and while they have proved successful in some instances, have not been adaptable to, or the needed program for all churches. The result is that the real solution to the growth problem has not been found. That is, at least not until now.

It may be, however, that a new idea has been found, which may prove to be the very boost needed to once again bring widespread Sunday school growth. A Florida pastor, Rev. E. C. Anderson, some time ago initiated some new plans in his church's Sunday school program, which proved to be dramatically effective in reaching new people for the church. Tried out in other churches similar results were achieved.

The new program was given the name Action and its results were so outstanding, that the Sunday School Board began to use Mr. Anderson in Sunday school meetings, to tell

the story of what the plan was doing. Finally, the board brought him into the organization, and now he is going all over the convention, to show pastors and churches how they can once again achieve Sunday school growth.

The program will be presented in Mississippi on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Mr. Anderson will be present, along with Dr. A. V. Washburn of the Sunday School Board, and in a two and one half hour meeting the whole plan will be explained. Rev. Bryant Cummings, Director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be in charge of the meeting, and has expressed the hope that the First Baptist church auditorium can be packed with pastors and Sunday school leaders from all over the state.

We join in that hope, for out of years' experience, we know that when the Sunday school grows, the whole church program advances. We urge pastors and leaders in every church in the state to plan to attend this meeting. This one conference could mean the beginning of a whole new era in Mississippi Baptist life, for when we get the Sunday schools to moving again, we shall see growth in the whole church program.

Most church leaders and pastors in the state can attend a night meeting in Jackson, and still be back at home before midnight. Even for those who have to spend the night in Jackson, the meeting is still well worth the cost. Every church in the state is urged to send its pastor, its Sunday school superintendent, the Sunday School Council, and other members and leaders. Buses and cars have permission to park on the Capitol and Sillers Building parking lots.

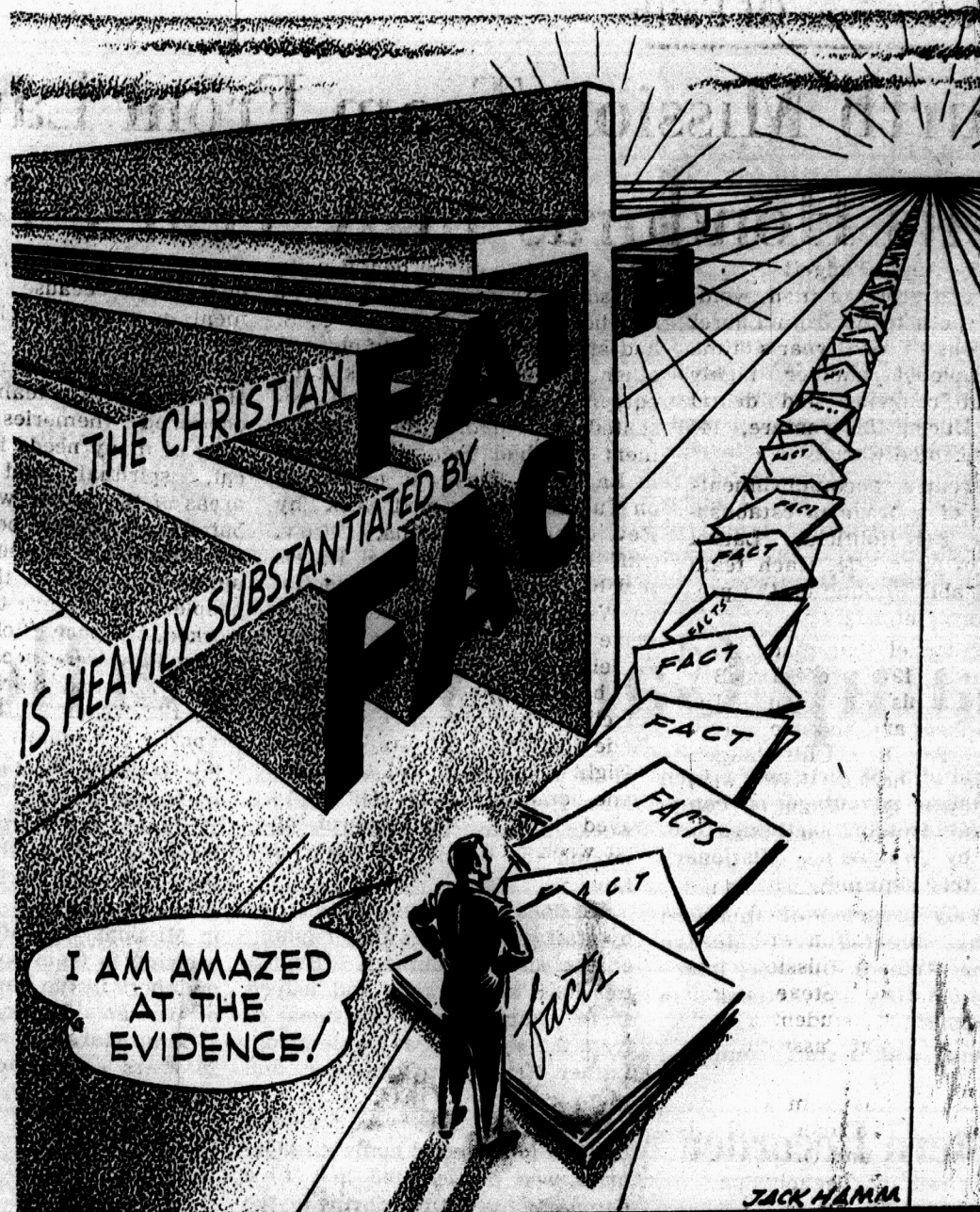
This meeting is important! It presents some of the first really new plans in Sunday school enlargement, adaptable to churches of all sizes, to be offered to Southern Baptists in a number of years.

It could bring great increases in Sunday school enrollment and attendance in churches all over the state.

That would mean larger church attendance, more baptisms, general church growth, increased giving, and a new day of spiritual blessings in the churches.

When a plan gives promise of doing that, it deserves the most serious consideration by the pastors and church leaders.

Mark the date, October 7, on your calendar. Let all roads lead to Jackson on that day.



WHAT STUDY REVEALS

On The MORAL SCENE...

CHURCHES AS PROBLEM SOLVERS

—U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said in a radio interview "that churches have a 'considerable' part to play in the efforts of the United Nations to solve international problems. 'What we need in fact,' said Dr. Waldheim, 'is a better understanding for each other, more tolerance, in order to achieve reasonable compromises in the political field, in the economic or social field, or in the humanitarian field. More tolerance, more understanding for each other—that is what we need. And I think, churches generally can help us in explaining this to their people, and in this way contribute to a better understanding that will make it easier to solve the many grave problems mankind is faced with today.' Asked by the interviewer whether he believed that acceptance of 'spiritual and moral values' can be of practical help in the solution of problems nagging the international community, Mr. Waldheim replied: 'Certainly, moral values are of great importance. I think that in our efforts to solve the many political, economic, and social problems in the world, we should always keep moral values in mind!' (LIBERTY Vol. 70, No. 4, July-August 1975)

NONSMOKERS' PROTECTION

—Experts of the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended that countries take sweeping legislative action to protect non-smokers' consent before others would be allowed to smoke in their working environment. "Control of cigarette smoking could do more to improve health and prolong life in these developed countries than any other single action in the whole field of preventive medicine," the WHO experts said. . . . and that nonsmoking areas in public transport and other public places be extended. It said special attention should be given to the "protection of infants from contact" with smokers. . . . and suggests further limitation or a ban of "all forms of advertising and sales promotion of tobacco" and periodic tax increases to discourage cigarette consumption. WHO Assistant Director General D. Tejada de Rivero described smoking as "one of the greatest health hazards of modern times." (The Washington Post, July 25, 1975)

CHILDREN TRYING POISON SUICIDES

—There are growing indications that children 7 to 10 years old are attempting to commit suicide by drinking household cleaners, medicines or other poisons. The children involved may be reacting to unpleasant or intolerable family situations, according to Dr. Richard W. Moriarty, a pediatrician who is director of the National Poison Center Network. The situation points out the need for the nation poison control centers to employ social workers who can visit the homes of victims. Although no firm figures are available, there are believed to be 2.5 million adult and child poisoning cases in the U.S. every year. Those included 1,000 to 2,000 deaths among children. Accidental poisonings are expected among children under five, but the surprising statistic from his (Moriarty's) center is that 10 percent of the cases involved children ages 6 to 10. (The Tennessean, June 2, 1975)

ALCOHOLISM AND SEVERE BURNS

—Alcoholism was cited as the major contribution factor in a study of severely burned individuals, according to a report published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. . . . Use of alcohol and cigarettes was found to be common: "Quite characteristically, the patient was sitting in an overstuffed chair smoking, drinking and watching television," writes Dr. John C. McArthur and Dr. Francis D. Moore, authors of the study. (D.A.C. Bulletin, Vol. 3-No. 3, April 1975)

Guest Editorial

Baptism By Proxy

Eugene Whitlow
in Baptist New Mexican

COMES NOW BAPTISM by proxy! One Harry Price, 70, of Cool Valley, Mo., a St. Louis suburb, was crippled about a year ago by a stroke. Recently he decided he wanted to be baptized, but his doctor refused to allow him to be immersed. So Bill Little, pastor of Christ Memorial Baptist Church in Cool Valley, arranged for one of the deacons of the church to be baptized in Price's name.

IN THE 15TH chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul referred to people who were being baptized on behalf of the dead. This is the only instance I know of in the entire Bible of baptism by proxy. Evidently some of the Corinthians believed in being baptized for the dead. One view of this is that some of the Christians were being baptized for loved ones who had died without becoming Christians. Evidently they believed that this could secure the participa-

tion of the deceased in the resurrection. In this verse and in surrounding verses Paul is arguing for the resurrection of the dead, and here he is asserting that his proxy baptism thing was an indication that those involved believed in the resurrection of the dead. There is no indication that he approved the practice. He merely used it as an illustration concerning the resurrection of the dead.

BAPTISM IS NOT vehicular. It does not transport salvation. It is nothing more than an act of obedience as an identification with the loving Savior. I fail to see how Mr. Price or any one else could feel any sense of satisfaction or of obedience by this unbiblical practice of proxy baptism. And I am especially disturbed that the pastor of a Baptist church would resort to this sort of thing. Let us Baptists leave this heresy to the Mormons and any other sects that may be resorting to this unbiblical practice.

NEWEST BOOKS

POTTER AND CLAY by Muriel Blackwell (Broadman, 94 pp., \$2.95) A collection of poems on celebrating life. The divisions are: celebrate children, celebrate teachers, and celebrate the daily walk. Many of these poems have appeared in Sunday School Board publications and here are presented in permanent form. The writer is an able poet who has learned to express herself and her feelings well through this medium. One feels the warmth of her heart in these pages.

GOD'S BIG LITTLE WORDS by Robert J. Dean (Broadman, 128 pp., \$1.95) The author is an editor of Adult Life and Work materials at the Sunday School Board. Here he gives careful examination to five great words in the Scripture and in our lives. The five are life, love, hope, joy and peace. The material is devotional and filled with illustrations. There are several chapters on each of the words and each section closes with a summary. The book will provide numerous ideas for preaching or making talks concerning the themes, but also is rich in its devotional value.

THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE by June Miller (Zondervan, 160 pp., \$5.95) Personal experiences of a modern woman looked at in the light of the Bible's revelation concerning Mary, the mother of Jesus. A clear presentation of what Christ can do in a modern life. More of a study of a modern woman's life and of Mary, yet the applications are made.

STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS, October-December, 1975 by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention, paper, 128 pp., \$1.65) Expository treatment of the Life and Work Bible studies. Each contains an introduction, examination of background materials, and an exposition of the focal Scripture passage.

GOOD MORNING, LORD, Devotions for Hospital Patients by R. Earl Allen (Baker) These 44 devotional meditations by a Fort Worth pastor will help the patient in passing away the empty, boring and anxious hours in a hospital.

A SONG FROM L'ABRI by Betty Carlson with introduction by Edith Schaeffer (Good News, paper, 175 pp., \$2.95) This is the life story of Jane Stuart Smith, opera singer who found "a new song" when she visited L'Abri in the Alps of Switzerland. It tells of the singer's rise to fame, of her appearances in the theaters of Europe and America, and of the changes in her life after she became a Christian. Miss Smith gave up her career as an opera star to serve in the Christian community called L'Abri. Betty Carlson, the author, shares a mountain chalet with her at L'Abri.

EVERYBODY'S AFRAID IN THE GHETTO by Keith W. Phillips (Regal paper, 182 pp., \$1.45) This book tells the story of gang members, prostitutes, addicts and street people in the ghetto and about their fears and needs. The author, who ministers to the inner city, concludes with a plea that Billy Graham called "a primer in practicing Christian love."

FAITH RECYCLING by David Thornton (Judson Press, 43 pp., \$1.50) Various exercises are suggested to help young people look at their own life experiences and "make sense" of them in terms of the words and meanings of the Christian faith.

USING BIBLICAL SIMULATIONS, Volume 2 by Donald E. Miller, Graydon F. Snyder, and Robert W. Neff (Judson Press, paper, \$5.95, 222 pp.) This book was prepared as a follow-up to Volume 1, which was very popular with its readers. Detailed instructions are given for stimulating eleven different Bible situations. The simulation goes further than presenting the drama. It also brings in discussion, questions, debates, and ideas on how the Biblical situation may be applied to a person's life today.

A SHOWER OF GAMES FOR BRIDES AND BABIES by Novella Isom (Baker, 48 pp., 95 cents, paper) Lively, up-to-date, fun games for bridal showers and baby showers.

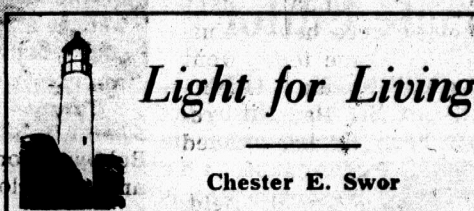
SECRETS OF THE SPIRIT by Ray C. Stedman (Revell, 160 pp., \$4.95) An exposition of John, chapters 13-17. Meaningful interpretation of the experiences of Christ with his disciples on the night before his death. Here are studies both of men and of Christ's message to them. Twelve challenging and helpful messages which are solidly scriptural and clear in their application to modern day Christians.

THE ARCHEO VOLUME translated by Drs. McIntosh and Twyman (Keats Publishing Company, 248 pp., \$4.95) A reprint of a book which was first published nearly 100 years ago. The subtitle reads "The Archeological Writings of the Sanhedrin and Talmuds of the Jews." These are said to be the official documents made in the Jewish courts in the days of Jesus Christ. The book tells how the records were discovered and then gives the translations of the records. The book is of interest since it relates to the death of Christ. Of course, it has no direct relationship to the Scripture, but is supposed to be official reports concerning some of the events of the Bible record.

WINE OF GOD by Kurt E. Koch (Christian Evangelism Publications, 168 pp., pocket book, \$1.50) A German theologian and writer explores the reported miraculous, spiritual experiences in Indonesia. He says that miracles did occur in Indonesia.

TEACHING PRIMARIES TODAY by Elizabeth B. Jones (Baker, paper, \$1.95, 128 pp.) Here's a book free of technical phrases and packed with insights and tips gained from many years spent teaching young children and preparing learning materials for them. The author, a mother and teacher, has edited primary curriculum materials for the Church of the Nazarene.

COPING WITH LONELINESS by Inez Spence (Baker, paper, \$1.25, 111 pp.) Mrs. Spence recognizes the symptoms of loneliness, diagnoses the causes, and suggests healing therapy. Throughout is woven the thread of trust in God.



Stretched Heart Strings

Often through the years I have had opportunity to observe orchestras preparing for rehearsals and performances, and have been always impressed of the care which the violinists exercise in tuning their violins, stretching the strings to the degree of tautness essential to violin music. In fact, the tightness of pressure is so great that occasionally a string snaps; yet, we know that beautiful violin music cannot be produced with less than "stretched violin strings."

Interestingly enough, that is one of life's patterns, too, for surely you have known of the or more people who demonstrated the real courage and value of their lives—not in the ease and comfort of every-day living, but in times of crisis. . . . perhaps, even in experiences of tragedy. They "stood tall" in hours of loss and sorrow, demonstrating faith, courage, maturity. In short, though their heart strings were stretched to the breaking point, they permitted the bow of God's love and power to play from those stretched heart strings an exquisite melody of faith, fortitude, and victory.

A lovely woman whose husband had just expired in a hospital room, smiled through her tears as she encountered a nurse on a hospital hallway with a wee infant in her arms, and looking at the infant said, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." A couple who had watched with aching hearts as their only child wasted away from an incurable malady, laid his little body to rest in a cemetery one Friday afternoon; but, on Sunday morning, they were in the choir of their church, singing to the glory of God. An heroic girl, knowing that she was confined permanently to an iron lung, but resolved to complete her preparation for journalism, said to questioners, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and graduated from college twelve years later with a special distinction average! And we just might never have received the magnificent inspiration of Job's life, had he not permitted his stretched heart strings to be submitted to the bow of God's love and power!

Here's a striking benediction thought, inscribed on the front of a sympathy card: "Sorrow stretches the heart, to make room for more and deeper love."

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Fourth Mission Team From Laurel Visits Honduras In A Year's Time

By Alma Padgett

The fourth group of men, women, and youth to go from Laurel to Honduras in one year's time has completed another highly successful religious and dental mission. During this venture, 144 people accepted Christ.

This group's accomplishments grew out of a program established by Dr. Bob Holifield, Laurel dentist, in July 1974. Each team has been able to build on the previous team's efforts.

The personnel that made the trip July 12, 1975, were Dr. Bob Holifield and his wife Jeanne; Dr. Frank Gilbert and his wife from Kingsport Tn.; Rev. Cliff Padgett and his wife and son; Rev. Larry Grafton; Mrs. Dale Wood, R. N.; Hubert Britt (soil conservationist) and his wife and two children; and Bill Wells (pharmacist) and his wife. This group worked together in cooperation with Rev. Charlie Herrington, missionary to Honduras. Also, Steve Harris from Hattiesburg, student at William Carey College, assisted the team.

The work by this team was centered around two mountain villages, Yuscaran and Oropoli, and in the capital city, Tegucigalpa.

The team arrived in Tegucigalpa Saturday, July 12, and stayed overnight in the homes provided by the missionary. Sunday night church services were held in Yuscaran and part of the team went to Oropoli and had church services there. Rev. Cliff Padgett reported that eight had been saved in the services at Yuscaran.

On Monday while Dr. Holifield, Dr. Gilbert and dental team members were working, Mr. Padgett preached and Rev. Larry Grafton led the singing; 22 people accepted Christ. That night Cliff and Larry and other team members held church services and 26 people made professions of faith.

On Tuesday, the team traveled to Oropoli and set up a dental clinic and a medical clinic. Dr. Holifield and Mrs. Cliff Padgett made contact with the school and laid the foundation for going back on Wednesday and implementing a Dental Preventative Program. Dr. Holifield gave demonstrations and talked with teachers and pupils about brushing and caring for their teeth. They left each child in the school a dental kit and each teacher promised to work daily in helping the children brush their teeth.

One teacher from another little mountain village that could only be reached by a three-hour burro ride was present. She, too, received the instructions about dental care and was given dental kits for all of her pupils (She is the only teacher in a one-room school, grades one-six). Mrs. Padgett, a first-grade teacher, shared educational ideas and some methods and techniques of teaching with the teachers.

A followup study will be made of these children when the next team returns.

While this was going on at the schools, the dental clinic and medical clinic were in operation and treating hundreds of patients. Also, during the morning, while the people were waiting to see the doctor and dentist, Rev. Cliff Padgett and Rev. Larry Grafton were singing with and preaching to the people in the street in front of the clinic. Mr. Padgett preached and 50 people accepted Christ. Mr. Grafton preached during the afternoon and 25 people made professions of faith. Three hundred were treated for intestinal parasites.

Bill Wells and Dr. Gustavo A. Ulloa, a pharmacist from Tegucigalpa, were busy dispensing medicine and shots to those who were in great pain. Hubert Britt made a survey of the water supply which comes from a mountain stream. His objective was to help this village get some water piped into the village. The village has no running water or electricity. Future plans are in the process from this survey. He left detailed plans with the missionary and people for developing "spring water."

The team traveled back to Yuscaran Wednesday night in time to conduct church services. Four people accepted Christ at this service. The dental clinic was open for the morning hours on Thursday. During this time Mr. Padgett, his wife and son, Mr. Grafton, Dr. Gustavo Ulloa, and Walter Krockmal took 24 of the new converts to a beautiful mountain stream and baptized them. This was truly a mountaintop experience.

That afternoon the team left the mountains coming back to the capital city of Tegucigalpa.

Friday, the team had lunch with the President of the Dental Col-

lege. Also, two of the dental units and some other equipment that had been shipped from the U. S. had arrived and Dr. Holifield and other men of the team took the equipment to the college and presented it to them. Other equipment that had been shipped was in La Ceiba. This was picked up on Tuesday of the next week by Rev. Charlie Herrington, Rev. Cliff Padgett, and Steve Harris and brought back to the capital on Wednesday after a ten-hour drive through the mountains from La Ceiba. Some of this equipment will be used to establish new dental clinics or to replace home-made equipment for future teams. Eight members of the team came home on Sunday. Others stayed until Wednesday of the next week and Rev. Cliff Padgett

and his family completed the second week because of commitments to preach in churches in the Capital City.

The response of the people of Honduras left the team with many cherished memories. The presence of many needs in the physical, spiritual and educational areas of the people were evident, but enough cannot be said about the hospitality, graciousness and appreciativeness of these dear people. Every place the team worked, the people told them how happy they were because of the team's love and sharing.

As the writer of this article prepared this manuscript for publication, there are tears present as thoughts of dedication and consecration on the part of the missionaries are reflected. Their



Bobbye, Lori, Jerry, and Rusty Rankin, missionaries to Indonesia, are on furlough and are living in Clinton.

On Furlough From Java

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

A former "Miss Mississippi College" has returned to Clinton to live — at least for a little while. Bobbye Simmons, summer missionary to Hawaii who married Jerry Rankin, summer missionary to the Philippines, is now on furlough after four years in Indonesia. Appointed at Ridgecrest in 1970, the Rankins came back to Mississippi in May and are living at 208 East Main Street in First Church, Clinton's missionary house.

Like the old saying that all roads lead to Rome, all topics of conversation eventually lead the Rankins to the topic of Indonesia. Even Bobbye's casual question, "Would you like a cup of java?"

"By the way," Jerry says, "I don't think that word, java, comes from the island of Java where we live. However, our town of Jember is in a low area of farms and plantations and they do grow coffee — as well as rubber, tea, chocolate, and tobacco."

Not even the subject of weather is safe. Ask "Haven't we had a hot summer?" and one of the Rankins may answer, "Yes, but Mississippi will have cooler weather in the fall and winter. In Indonesia it stays hot constantly. On the equator the humidity is high and the temperature at Jember ranges from 82 to 90, year round."

Or "Why did you choose Clinton?" and Jerry says, "Because my parents, Pansy and J. I. Rankin, live here and go to First Baptist Church. Did you know they came to visit us in Indonesia?" Actually, they chose to live in Clinton mainly because it is Jerry's hometown and his home church is providing their house.

Bobbye adds, "Since the children were very young when we left, they are now learning about real relatives for the first time. They called other missionaries

'aunt' and 'uncle' and now are meeting their real aunts and uncles. My mother (Mrs. L. L. Simmons) and my sister (Mrs. Richard E. Douglas) have just left after an overnight visit. They live in Brookhaven and attend the Fair River Church. Jerry's twin sister (Mrs. Ted Huddleston) lives at Oxford and his brother, James E. Rankin, lives in Jackson.

Lori Rankin, age 6½ is in second grade at Clinton Park School. She is excited about going to school with other children, as her mother taught her last year in Indonesia, in a class of one. Rusty, age 5, is in kindergarten at First Church, Clinton.

"Of course, they love America already and have become TV addicts," Bobby says. "But Indonesia is home to them and they would be ready to go back any minute. They learned to speak the language easily, and Lori learned folk games and folk songs in the public kindergarten. Both she and Rusty like to play market — bargaining like the Javanese women at the vegetable market."

"What would you say will take the most of your time this year?"

"Making speeches — talking about Indonesia, and mission work there — in revivals and world missions conferences in Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, and other states, speaking of a youth camp in Texas."

They have just returned from a trip to the West in which they visited Glorieta, and Sadler, Texas, where Jerry was pastor when they were appointed. Sadler Church is celebrating its centennial, and the Rankins stopped by to help in the celebration. While living in Texas, Jerry was also BSU director at Grayson County Junior College at Denison and taught Bible there.

planning and preparation made the work, even under adverse conditions, much easier. Also, the other three groups had made their impact upon the people and the work. These inroads were evident and our team was able to do some things that would not have been possible if we had started from the beginning.

Some of the barriers and sacrifices that we know missionaries and their children, and many of the lay people who have become new Christians, are experiencing causes us to hang our heads in shame and guilt because of what we take for granted. When we evaluate our blessings and the great prosperity God has allowed us, we take on a new appreciation for our spiritual values, good roads, pure and clean water, electricity, toilet facilities, clean and fresh foods and many other blessings we have.

This team is indebted to many people here at home and in Honduras for making this trip possible. Most of all we are indebted to God for His opening of doors, His providential care that allowed us to share His Son's wonderful grace and salvation.

Baptist Young Women To Hear Rankins

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rankin, missionaries to Indonesia, will be sharing information concerning their work at the Baptist Young Women Retreat at Camp Garaywa, October 17-18.

The Rankins, both native Missisippians, are furloughing this year in Clinton.

In addition to learning about missions in Indonesia, BYWs who attend the weekend retreat will find out about home and state missions from Rodney Webb. Mr. Webb, language missions director for the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be talking about his work with language groups in Mississippi.

Periods of Bible study will be led by Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton.

The retreat will begin on Friday afternoon with registration at 6 p.m. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the evening session is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The final session on Saturday will conclude at 4:30.

The cost for the retreat is \$7 per person, which includes a registration fee, 3 meals and insurance while at the retreat.

To register for this special BYW weekend, send your name and address, along with \$2 to Frances Shaw, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. The balance of \$5 will be paid on arrival at Camp Garaywa.

"You will manage to save some time for fun and relaxation!"

"We hope to play some tennis," Bobbye grins. "That's a popular sport in Indonesia where the people play early in the morning to avoid the heat later in the day. Too, we enjoy shopping at the Mall in Jackson — just looking at all the tremendous choice of items. In Jember, there's nothing much for sale. Actually, it almost gave us culture shock to return here and see the difference. The increase in prices was a shock, too!"

"In early summer we visited DisneyWorld. We were especially stirred by the Hall of Presidents. It made us glad to be Americans and to be back in America after having been away."

"It's been good to see old friends again," Jerry adds.

Some of the old friends they've seen were people they met at Mississippi College, where they also met each other. (Both are listed in the College Hall of Fame.)

"I'll be glad when our freight arrives," Bobbye continues. "I



Ebenezer (DeSoto) Quadruples In A Day

On Sept. 7, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, DeSoto Baptist Association, increased its membership by four times. For more than 10 years this church has reported only four members, but on this Sunday 12 people joined, making a total now of 16 members!

For many years Ebenezer has had only a fourth afternoon preaching service. On Sept. 7 there were 37 in Sunday School, almost 100 for morning worship, and 22 for Church Training and more for the evening worship.

And, they met for the first time in about eight years in the building. The services had been in one of the member's home. The offering for the day was over \$500.

The church welcomed its new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Mahoney, coming from the Canaan Baptist Church, Spearsville, La. Rev. Mahoney is doing his graduate work at the Mid-America Baptist Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

need my Indonesian commodities and equipment so I can demonstrate my cooking skill for the folks here!"

Jerry laughs, "Their food is so hot with pepper that some say they took the sun right out of the sky, shredded it, and sprinkled it over the food!"

"On many corners there are charcoal burners where people are selling fried bananas. There are perhaps fifty varieties of bananas in Indonesia," Bobbye is glad to share her recipe for frying bananas: "You dip the banana in a batter of flour, sugar, egg, and milk and then drop it into deep, hot fat."

Jerry and Bobbye represent Southern Baptists in an area of 5½ million people, with no other missionaries to help in that specific area. His responsibility is general evangelism, and his chief efforts have been directed toward the starting of new churches. When they first went to Jember, there were five Baptists in the church there. Now there are about 30 members. In four years, he has helped to start several churches that are led by local laymen.

Jerry explains that he has found the beginning point in starting a church to be winning the friendship of an individual. "As that person becomes a believer, there are so many people living in his home and neighborhood that he soon can reach them and touch their lives, too. Every man has a large family, with five to nine children — even though many babies die. As a rule, nearly all the man's neighbors are his kin. When one becomes a Christian, then he usually finds it easy to influence those around him. I ask the Lord to lead me to the right

The Hernando Baptist Church, in sponsoring the renewal of this old church, founded in 1876, renovated the old one-roof original church building. The DeSoto Baptist Association purchased two additional acres of land and provided a portable building for a preschool department. The First Baptist Church, Jackson, is providing the pastor's salary for the first year.

The people are excited and making plans to develop an active, serving church, said Ervin Brown, DeSoto Association Missions director. A survey of the community has been made, and plans for outreach are being put into action. World Missions through the Cooperative Program and associational missions are planned for the new church budget.

The 12 members who joined Sept. 7 were the first members to be received by this church in over 22 years.

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Bobbye says that one of her favorite projects is teaching English to a group of ladies in the Jember church.

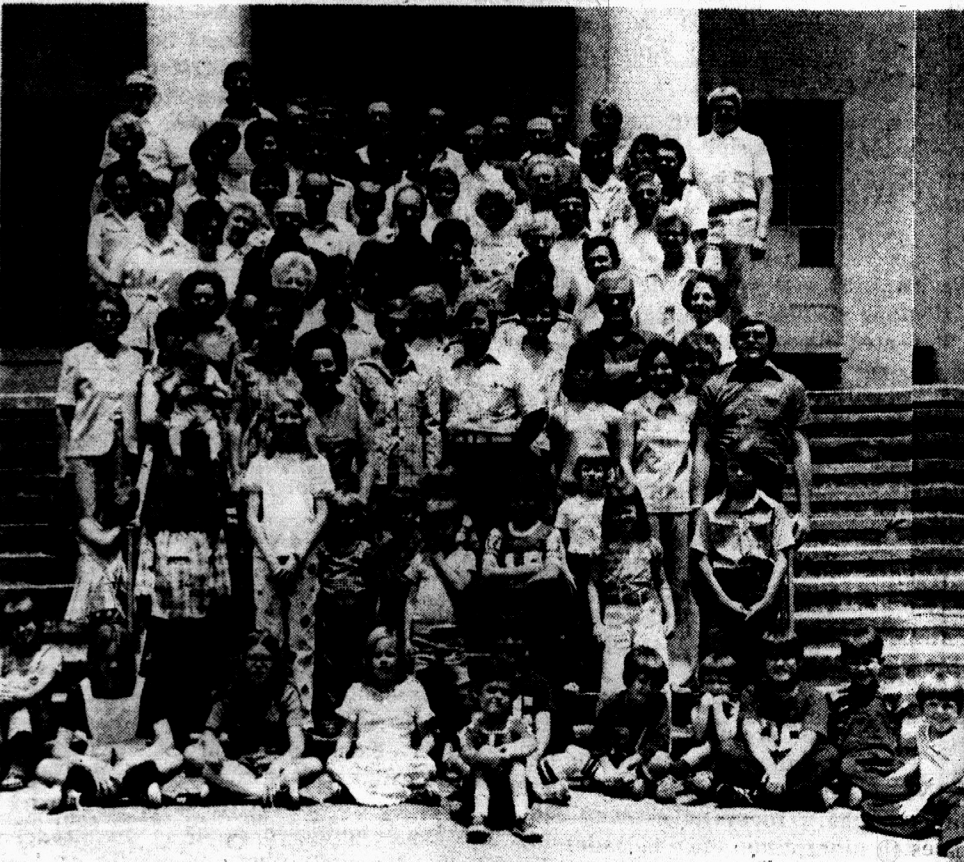
"Working hours for the people are from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Then after siesta time Jerry visits homes and villages from three until around ten. Sometimes he is gone overnight. He witnesses and teaches Bible studies in homes and just enjoys fellowship with the people. They will listen to his teaching for hours, and not grow tired. If after four hours he gets up to leave, someone will say, 'Why are you going so soon?' They would be glad for him to stay until midnight!"

Jerry says, "If you think Clinton has grown, you ought to see Java! The number of people is unbelievable. Where there may be an average of five or six to the square mile in Mississippi, there are 1500 to the square mile in Indonesia."

Bobbye recalls, "A little girl asked me recently, 'How can you tell all those people about Jesus?' and I answered her honestly, 'We can't — not all of them.'"

I wanted to know, "How can you see so many day after day without being absolutely overwhelmed by the task before you?"

Jerry answers, "I must remember that it is not I, but the Lord, who directs this work. He is all-powerful. If you believe the Lord wants to reach people, then you believe he will lead you to the right person and to the right village, to the ones he has prepared to receive the message, to those who in their turn can reach others. You must make yourself available to follow his leadership."



Mississippians at Ridgecrest—First Sunday School Week



Mississippians at Ridgecrest—Second Sunday School Week

Mission Tour Never Leaves Home; Reaches Hundreds

By Lynn P. Clayton

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — "I have lived down the street for 19 years, and I have never heard anything like this," the elderly gentleman marveled after the concert on the church parking lot.

"Do you want to know more about this?", the concert director asked.

"Yes," the man replied, "and I'm going to be returning to find out more." The retired widower who lives 75 yards from the church was in the worship service for the first time the next Sunday.

This and much more happened on a mission tour that never left town.

"We had gone all the way to West Yellowstone, Mont. — some 1,200 miles — on a mission trip last summer; but we felt we had not been as effective as we should in reaching the immediate neighborhood around our building. So we decided that this summer we would do at home what we had gone so far away to do."

With that statement Richard Bradford summarized the motivation for the "blitz" — an intensive campaign of youth mission activities in the neighborhood surrounding Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, where he serves as minister of administration-music.

"I never realized what we did could have such gigantic, positive overtones in our community," adds Terry McIlvain, the con-

gregation's youth minister.

Those "overtones," according to McIlvain, include at least five professions of faith; 125 children attending backyard Vacation Bible Schools in the neighborhood; reaching about 300 people in open-air concerts; and finding approximately 240 "unchurched" families living within walking distance of the church.

Immanuel's immediate neighborhood is an inner-city compilation of social and economic diversity.

The "blitz" was much like other youth missions tours. The events of the five-day effort were: early breakfast; quiet time with God; backyard Bible clubs; lunch; two hours of religious census; planned recreation; supper; open-air choir

concerts and witnessing; and some brief moments of free-time. Then the youth met in teams to pray for specific needs of the next day. Fleeting hours of sleep came at the close of long days.

The 43 "full-time" youth who participated in the "blitz" moved into Immanuel's education building on Sunday evening. They "stuck it out" until about 10:00 p.m. on the next Friday.

McIlvain said, "We built showers in the boiler room. We furnished a floor for sleeping. If the kids wanted more to sleep on, they had to furnish it."

Approximately 37 more Immanuelites joined the "blitz" for evening choir concerts. The choir conducted concerts in shopping centers, a downtown amphitheater

and a parking lot across the street from the church.

The church furnished breakfast and the evening meal; the youth paid for their own noon meal at various "fast food" eating places.

John Click, pastor of the 2,000-member congregation, said, "We have already seen results. People visited our worship the next Sunday. Others sent their children to our regular church Vacation Bible School the next week. After their first visit with us some began asking questions about salvation and church membership."

A significant side result from 24 of the youths' participation in "Super Summer" youth effort the preceding week and the "blitz," according to McIlvain, was "about five of our own young people came

to know Christ as their Saviour. They were church members."

Follow-up operations for the "blitz" are already under way.

Immanuel will conduct a day camp for the children reached during the backyard Bible clubs. The day camp was planned on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the month of July. Activities include Bible study, puppet presentations and four major field trips as well as crafts.

On the evenings of these days youth visited the homes of children involved in the day camp to begin a ministry to the total family.

125 adults have committed themselves to visit in the homes of the 150 "unchurched" people located by the survey.

Closed Church Re-Opens Its Doors As Result Of Mission Project

By Marilyn Vandergrift
Music Assistant
Broadmoor, Jackson

Services were held this week in the building of the First Baptist Church of Albany, New York. That in itself would not be unusual in the least except for the fact that this church had "closed its doors" in February of this year. Why the renewed interest? The new hope? Because of a group of 46 young people and their 10 sponsors from Jackson, Mississippi.

J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor Church in Jackson, had contacted Ken Lyle, director of evangelism for the state of New York, and told him that the Abundant Life Singers, the senior high school choir at Broadmoor, would like to come on a mission project if there were a specific need to be met. Very soon after that, Mr. Wood was contacted by Rev. Clifford Matthews, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Schenectady, New York (the only Southern Baptist Church within a 50 mile radius of 1,100,000 people). Arrangements were made for the young people to stay for one full week in Albany. They would conduct a Vacation Bible School, six Backyard Bible Clubs in various sections of Albany, and present concerts in churches, shopping centers, parks, on sidewalks, or anywhere people would listen.

Choir members voted on requirements for those who would go. These included attending Sunday School, Church Training, morning and evening worship eight out of 12 weeks prior to the tour; attending seven Saturday morning bus visitation and churchwide visitations; attending five out of seven special three-hour tour rehearsals; attending seven out of 10 regular Sunday rehearsals; contributing 20 hours of labor on money-raising projects or paying \$2.00 per hour; participating in the "Slave Labor Auction" where the young people made themselves available for a day's labor for whatever price someone was willing to pay. All of these requirements had to be met before being eligible to make the trip... not a pleasure trip, but one with a definite goal in mind: to reach people for Jesus Christ.

The young people had to be willing to prepare themselves not only musically, but mentally — to learn the Bible material in order to teach others; to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities that might come their way; to prepare their minds to accept whatever living conditions they found, whatever kind of neighborhood they might find themselves in, and whatever number they had to minister to, whether it be 100 or two.

They also had to prepare themselves spiritually, seeking God's leadership in their preparation, realizing the value and importance of what they would be doing

for God's Kingdom.

Once the group arrived in New York, they found their activities actually in three areas; Schenectady (where the sponsoring church was located), East Greenbush, and Albany.

Living quarters were in the Masonic Lodge of East Greenbush, New York. Conditions were a bit different from home — sleeping on the floor, doing their own cooking, and bathing in No. 3 wash-tubs. A Vacation Bible School was held in the Lodge with some 35 children from the area attending.

Distributed about the city of Albany were six Backyard Bible Clubs. Three choir members were assigned to each of the clubs which were held anywhere from a mid-city park in an impoverished neighborhood to a dirty vacant lot, to a ghetto sidewalk, to a front porch in a very nice area. There were as many as 37 in one club and as few as two in another; but these two came every day and one of them made a profession of faith. It was evident that many of the children attending these clubs had never heard this "Good News" before.

The choir gave concerts four nights at the church they hoped to revitalize. Some were inside — some outside on the sidewalk. They set up the P.A. system outside, at first hoping to attract people in the neighborhood. Mr. Wood, seeing the residents on their porches, went around asking if they objected, and they all said, "No, they loved it. He also called a police car cruising around the area that had parked near the front of the church. He went over to assure them that the kids weren't going to bother anyone, and the policeman said, "On the contrary; we're here to see that no one bothers YOU!"

Each day, a survey was made door to door for blocks around to find prospects for the church and to invite them to come.

The first concert of the week had been presented at Trinity in Schenectady, the sponsoring church, and on Wednesday, the choir was given the choice of going back there on the last Sunday morning and presenting another concert, assured of a congregation to hear it, or of singing in the little church in Albany and maybe not having anyone there. In one accord, they said, "We'll sing in Albany!" This was a predominantly Catholic and Jewish neighborhood and although the concerts had been well attended, and the kids well received in the community, they were told to expect very few people for the Sunday morning service. "They may come to hear you sing at night, but they won't come on Sunday morning... we've tried it before."

A major factor in the success of the choir's work was a willingness to pray and constantly to seek God's help and leadership; to

turn things over to him completely, especially when they had gone as far as they could and seemed to be able to go no further; and then to accept whatever God's will was revealed to be. (Each person on the trip also had a "prayer partner" back in Jackson — members of the Adult Choir — supporting him each day in prayer.)

They prayed for that service — that there would be someone there to hear Christ proclaimed; but if there were only two present, they would sing just as enthusiastically as if there were a crowd. Then came the big miracle! There were 46 people (not counting ANY of the choir or their sponsors) in the services that morning. Bro. Matthews came over from Schenectady to preach and then rushed back in time to preach for his own church. The announcement was made that there would be services in the church every Sunday, beginning that day.

A Jewish man who with his wife had attended the concerts three nights in a row, came that last day. He apologized for his wife not coming (their son was coming home after 1½ years in the service, and she was at home waiting for a call from him). With tears in his eyes, the man told the pastor, "I hate to see those kids leave! They have such happiness and joy on their faces. The pastor asked him if he had that happiness and he answered, "No." Bro. Matthews said, "Pray for that man. We'll try to reach him."

Toward the end of the week, Bro. Matthews walked down to the corner drugstore near the church and talked to the owner. He asked him what kind of ministry the church had in the community prior to its closing last February. The drugstore said that he had been there 15 years and that "those kids have done more this week than that church did in its lifetime... and the community knows it!"

The Abundant Life Singers came away from Albany much more aware of the need for God's message in that place, and much more spiritually mature because of their experiences there. But they also left some things behind: 100 children, knowing more about Jesus and what he can do for them because of the backyard Bible studies; 35 children reached and ministered to through Vacation Bible School; a very encouraged pastor and home missionary who felt that more progress had been made in that one week toward establishing an evangelistic fellowship in Albany than in all the efforts made in the last 18 months; and a congregation of 46 in a church that had "closed its doors" six months before.

Through the survey taken and from the audiences who attended concerts each night, a group of prospects for the church will be "followed up" and ministered to. All records of contacts made and the children involved in the Bible studies were left with Reva Barnett, director of ministries at Trinity Baptist (under the auspices of the Home Mission Board). Bro. Matthews and some laymen from the Trinity congregation will be responsible for seeing that services will be held each week.

Before they left, one of the trip sponsors came upon this quote, taken from the church's register — the very last entry: "May this church be blessed once again by the singing of God's people."

And so it was... and so it shall be... because of a group of young people with smiles on their faces, and joy in their hearts — willing to share what Jesus has done for them.

(The September 1975 Commission features the mission trip Abundant Life Singers made to Mexico in 1974.)

"Traveling Road" Presented By The Proclaimers

On August 31 at First Church, Cleveland the "Proclaimers" presented the musical, "Traveling Road," under the direction of Milton Burd, music director of First Church, Cleveland.

The Proclaimers are a group of Bolivar Baptist young people. The group was formed as an outgrowth of the Bolivar Baptist Music Committee. The young people decided on the presentation of a musical by a joint choir from the Bolivar Baptist Associational churches.

Carriage Hills Youth Sing At Montana Fair

Twenty-seven youth and six adults have completed a mission tour to Great Falls, Montana. They were guests of First Southern Baptist Church, pastor, Rev. Bobby Maddox (former Mississippi pastor). While there they sang in the City's Community Park Shell, in the worship services of the host church, and on The International Stage in the Fairgrounds.

Their main mission was to sing and share at the Great Falls State Fair. They sang thirteen times in six days and presented a variety of music including a witnessing musical "Share," a children's musical with the use of puppets, "It's Cool In The Furnace." The Youth Ensemble, "His Singers," also presented a varied program of music.

"The Lord provided many opportunities for us to witness personally for Him. We were the only Christian group ever to perform at their fair and at the end of the week, the members of the Fair Board personally came to express their appreciation," states Roddy Simmons, minister of music at Carriage Hills.

Pike Association Awards Scholarships

For the sixth consecutive year Pike Association has awarded scholarships to Baptist students attending Mississippi Baptist colleges and have given their lives to full-time Christian services.

This year the Scholarship Committee voted to award four scholarships of \$100 each to Donald Ray Weber, Cecil Rimes, Jr., James Ray Moore and Wayne McCullough.

The Scholarship Committee of the Pike Association is composed of Rev. Eddie King, chairman, Mrs. Sheblon Cotton, Dr. Jim Brock, Mrs. Ada Jean Hall, Rev. John Hedgepeth and Alton Smith. The Pike Baptist Association has awarded \$2,200 in scholarships during the six years of this ministry.

Children's Choir Sings At Overt

The children's choir at Overt presented a program of music on Sept. 7. After the choir had sung other special selections were presented. Pennie Lewis played "Do Lord" on the piano. Earlene Ezell sang "Alleluia." Jennifer Herring and Glenna and Tracey Donald sang "Say I Do." Then Miss Herring sang "For Those Tears I Died." Tammy Lewis and Dina Landrum sang "We've Got A Great Big Wonderful God." Earlene Ezell and Judy Hill, sang "Joy Is Like The Rain." The choir then sang a prayer song to close the program.

The children's choir has been under the direction of Mrs. Ann Booth for the past seven months. Overt also has a youth choir that brought a message in song Sunday night. This choir is under the direction of Rev. Terry Booth, pastor. Their piano accompanist is Ann Booth.

Today's Youth Church Buses Are Rolling Theatres

ST LOUIS, MO. — Lafayette Park Baptist Church in the southern part of the city has gone one step further than the airlines which have in-flight movies. The church has on-bus cartoons.

For the past six summers the church has been taking its buses around the neighborhood to show cartoons on the bus and then hold a Backyard Bible Club. They call it the Mobile Mission Bible School.

This summer two buses operated four days a week for four weeks, each bus making two stops a day.

Each day Dennis Bauer, minister of youth and outreach, took out one bus while summer missionaries Bob Gilbert of Texas Tech and Judy Cathey of the Uni-

versity of Arkansas at Monticello took the other, assisted by high school students from the church. The youths were dropped off the bus at various points to gather in the children who remem the bus at street corners where it had been prearranged to plug in the projector at someone's house.

After the cartoon, the kids went into a backyard for a Bible story, a puppet show and crafts, topped off with a sno-cone. At the end of these four weeks, the church, which has \$75 in Sunday School, held an eight day Vacation Bible School, consisting primarily of the children who had visited the Mobile Mission Bible School. The VBS enrolled 617 children, with an average of 388 per day.



Sonshine To Sing For County Youth Night

Sonshine, from Calvary Church, West Point, will present a concert at First Church, Amory, Monday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. Pictured left to right are: Kip Brewer, Elizabeth Littlefield, Patti Strebel, Phil Ingram, "Snoopy" Powell, Gary "Slim" Cornett, director, Dawn Falkner Sherri Phelps, Tim Pounders, Thea Kay Doss, Kelly Kendrick. Not pictured—Mrs. Francine Winstead, accompanist.



Bike Riding For A Bus Fund

Receiving instructions from a local highway patrolman were the youth from First Church, Sardis. The group, ages 8-12, rode from Sardis to Sardis Lake, about 11 miles, in an effort to raise money for a bus fund. The 27 children and their leader, Nancy Hornbeck, managed to raise \$1,111. Their trip concluded in an overnight camping stay and retreat.

The Re'generation Sings At Fairhaven

The Re'Generation, a group of musicians, all talented collegians, presented a concert September 4 at Fairhaven Church, Olive Branch, according to the pastor, Rev. Jackie Cooke.

The Re'Generation, of Nashville, has traveled 80,000 miles this year in the United States and in the Middle East. Along with evening concerts the young people

are active in daytime special presentations in colleges and service organizations. They recently received the George Washington Honor Medal Award from Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

The Re'Generation has been developed by the musician, Rev. Derric Johnson, who arranges all of the performance music. Merv Moore is the program director.

Ken Hunsberger is minister of music at Fairhaven.



"I Like The Sound Of America"

The Children's Choir of Immanuel Church, Greenwood presented the musical "I Like The Sound of America" in two churches, three nursing homes, and twice on WABG-TV. Some of the youth helped, also. Ricky Brooks is choir director and Mrs. M. C. Johnson, sponsor.



East McComb Youth Work In Ohio

Twenty-one senior high and college age youth of East McComb Church with five adults recently returned from a mission trip to Ohio. The youth held Backyard Bible Clubs in East Palestine, Ohio. A total of 105 children attended the five Bible Clubs. The youth also toured several Southern Baptist mission points. One church (pictured) was the Market Street Church. The Bible Clubs were held in connection with Cornersburg Church, where Rev. Melvin Jones is pastor. Mr. Jones, a native of Wayne County, is a former pastor of Locust Street Church, McComb.

My Brother's Brother

By William J. Falls
Genesis 4

The four lessons for this month make up a unit with the title, "God's Creation: Who Am I?" They use the early chapters of Genesis to discover man's identity and his relationship to God, to nature, and to other men. Many teenagers go through a time of asking: "Who am I?" Some adults in middle life may ask it in a different way: "What's the use?" Many people become disillusioned with work, community life, politics, and sometimes the church. They have lost a sense of purpose or significance in life. They need to recover the perspective of creation, to reaffirm the Bible's view of God's intention and concern for man. They need to confront again both his gift of life and his demand for obedience. This lesson focuses on man-to-man relationships — another channel for discovering personal identity.

The Lesson Explained BROTHERS GAVE OFFERINGS TO GOD (vv. 1-5)

Although Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, they still had their life to-

gether. The word "know" is used frequently in the Bible for sexual intercourse because "knowing" for the Hebrew as an intimate, personal experience. Eve's first son was named Cain, but we are not sure about the meaning of the word. Nevertheless, she saw him as a gift from God. Abel was her second son; his name meant vapor or weakness.

Cain became a farmer, and Abel a shepherd. One occupation suggests the settled life, while the other suggests the nomadic life. Eventually each brother brought an offering to the Lord although the writer of Genesis has said nothing yet about altars or worship. We must assume that the first family did some teaching despite its sinfulness. Cain's offering was grain, vegetables, or fruit — something he had grown. Abel offered the best from his flock. We are not told how God indicated his response or why he was displeased with Cain's offering. Since both kinds were acceptable eventually in the Hebrew sacrificial system, the problem must have been in Cain's attitude. He just gave something while Abel gave his best.

CAIN SNEERED ABOUT KILLING ABEL (vv. 6-10)

What bothered Cain more: that the Lord did not accept his offering or that he did accept Abel's

offering? Well, it was both but primarily the latter. He was "burned up"; the word for wrath means literally "become hot to him." He glowered at the ground to show his feelings, and the Lord asked him why he was so "down." Then in verse 7 the Lord gave him some advice in this paraphrase: "If you do well, your head would be lifted; but if you are acting unwisely, sin is crouching at your door." His jealous rage might consume.

While Cain and Abel were talking out in the field, away from the house, Cain killed his brother. We don't know what was said while the brothers "talked," but Cain ignored God's counsel; he let jealousy become the kind of hatred that was intent on destroying his brother. When the Lord asked him about Abel, Cain snapped, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" (NEB). It was a sarcastic, sneering response when he knew he had taken Abel's life. God did not bother to answer Cain's inhuman question, but he could hear Abel's blood crying out.

GOD TEMPERED JUSTICE WITH MERCY (vv. 11-15)

Cain's punishment would come from the earth which he had learned to cultivate. Now he had soaked it with Abel's blood, and Sheol — the place of the dead under the

The Awesome Presence

By Bill Duncan

Job 31:35-37; 38:1-7; 40:1-5

Telling is the most used method of communication. The mother complains about her daughter, "I keep telling her, but she doesn't listen!" Is it possible that telling is the least effective method of communication. The daughter simply turned off her hearing aid when the telling began. The mother may know what is happening but she has the satisfaction of knowing that she is doing her bit.

Telling is ineffective because it implies telling off. It may be a justification for the release of his hostilities.

Job wanted to tell God "what a good boy am I." He had repeatedly asked for an audience with God, but he wanted it for wrong — though human reasons. He wanted to declare his innocence and to protest his suffering. He had already demanded that God justify himself for causing or permitting what has happened.

Job's final oath of clearance, chapter 31, is magnificent in every sense. Here in a few words have been gathered the principles of moral conduct that filled the Old Testament. Job declares that there is no earthly or heavenly reason — sin — that he should be chastened as he has been chastened. He has even guarded his thoughts. He had scrutinized every thought, word, act in order to make a fit offering to God. Job does not see the flaw in his argument and in his life. He does not see that pride in his own achievements stands between him and God. By his oath of innocence he was trying to force open the lock of heaven, "he had made his blamelessness a tool of self-deification."

His pride calls for a challenge to God, even though he has no hope of an answer. In the absence of a personal confrontation he will write it out, sign it and post it for all to see. "Here is my signature!" he shouts toward heaven. "I sign my name to this list of virtues and claim everyone of them. Now let my opponent (the Almighty) write out the bill of indictment."

The flaw of his character is that he does not intend to bow and scrape before God. He wants to approach God as a prince. Job began his words by saying in Job 1, "Blessed be the name of the Lord" and closed by his action of defiance. Someone has said that "man always loses touch with God when he seeks to be independent within the limits of this existence." Job seems to be delivering his equality with God.

The Voice from the Whirlwind Job gets his wish. God speaks, but God does not say what Job thought he wanted to hear.

The message of Job is that God is God and if we are to serve him acceptably it must not be in order to escape affliction or to be given special benefit, but because he is God and is to be obeyed and honored. Job is not the entire story. Thank God for the New Testament. Missing in Job is the sweet story of the Good Shepherd. But the truth of Job is complete namely that God cannot be manipulated by our good deeds. Like 17:10 says, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

Too many of us have heard the voice of God in thunder or in a still small voice for us to doubt that he speaks even in our day to man as he did to Job. Job heard God clearly and responded appropriately yet voluntarily. The message of God is not the

Locust Street To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

On September 21, Locust Street Church, McComb, will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Rev. Jimmy Hodges, pastor from 1964 to 1967, will bring the morning message. Rev. L. L. Hill, pastor from 1968 to 1973, will bring the message in the afternoon service.

Mrs. Larry Black, whose husband is minister of music at First Church, Jackson, and former minister of music from Locust Street, will bring the special music. The music of the day will be under the direction of Randy Carruth, minister of music.

"Dinner will be served at the church. Charter members and former members are invited," states Rev. Robert L. Dunn, pastor.

The beginning of Locust Church was June 7, 1950, when they met as a mission from East McComb Church. The Brotherhood and deacons sponsored the mission. The number of charter members was 46.

On September 21, 1950, members and some of East McComb Church met to organize this church. The name of Locust Street Church was submitted by charter member Ernest Barron.

On October 4, 1950, the church voted to construct a building. They met in the tent and then in the home of Lamar Smith during the cold until November of 1950.

answer to Job's question of "why he was suffering." God wanted to resolve the spiritual problem of Job's seeming alienation from God. The wonder of the speeches of God is the fact He spoke, not so much what he said. The friends of Job had claimed that God had abandoned Job because of his sins. God appeared before Job repented and before he was restored to health and prosperity. Mr. H. H. Rowley wrote: "If he had found God only after his restoration, the book would have been spiritually far inferior. It is of the essence of its message that Job found God in his suffering, and found relief not from his misfortunes, but in them."

When man doubts the justice of God, what do we need to show him? God's majesty is revealed in creation. Then God asked Job "Do you think you are capable of being God?" Job brought face to face with a God who is infinite and eternal and all powerful, yet a God who is intimately interested in him the creature.

Job admitted that he could not answer the Lord because he was small. In this situation Job saw his situation in the context of the vastness of the cosmos. He began to realize that he had spoken against God too hastily. Therefore, he vowed to remain silent: "I lay my hand on my mouth. . . I will proceed no further." He had seen the error of criticizing God's justice, Job 40: 4-5.

Humility did not come easy for Job and it does not come easy for us. God said to Job, "It is not your part to know the why of all things. Yours is to realize who I am, to believe that you can trust me in all things."

There is no atheism in Job. He never questioned the existence of God — only if God cares. Today there are practical atheists by the million — men, women, boys, and girls — who live lives in which they ignore God.

God reveals himself in the whirlwind and speaks. Can you remember the first time you were conscious of God speaking to you? How did you feel? Moses talked with God "face to face" and it changed him. Everytime I experience the personal, mighty God I feel changed. It is an awesome experience. Our God is a great God.

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The Cooperative Program dollars keep missionaries ready to travel to and from all the cooperating Baptist churches in Korea to encourage, train, and teach nationals some effective methods of church growth and outreach. It makes possible many Military Evangelistic crusades, one of which was conducted the week before Christmas for the fourth annual effort. In one area alone (in which I participated) we talked and sang to more than 2700 men in

earth — had drunk it hungrily. No more would he be a successful farmer; the earth would refuse to receive his sowing or bear his crops. Without the earth as a source of food, Cain would be forced to hunt for it. Having dared to destroy a piece of God's handiwork, he would never be at home with other human beings.

In the grim sentence the Lord revealed his judgment on murderers, but even in such a desperate circumstance he was willing to show mercy. Instead of leaving Cain a prey to anyone who followed the practice of "an eye for an eye," God put some kind of mark on him to save him from being murdered. At the same time, it guaranteed that Cain's lifetime would be a homeless existence.

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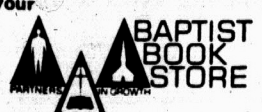
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Seminary Offers Courses In Hebrew

Courses in Hebrew will be offered, beginning Sept 22, at the Reform Theological Seminary on Clinton Boulevard in Jackson.

The teacher will be Rev. Dan Morse, and the class will be meeting from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each Monday afternoon. Credit may be obtained toward a doctor of ministry degree.

The cost will be \$120 for four semester hours.

three days and had over 700 men to sign cards of inquiry as to wanting to become Christian. These figures were repeated in two other areas along the DMZ.

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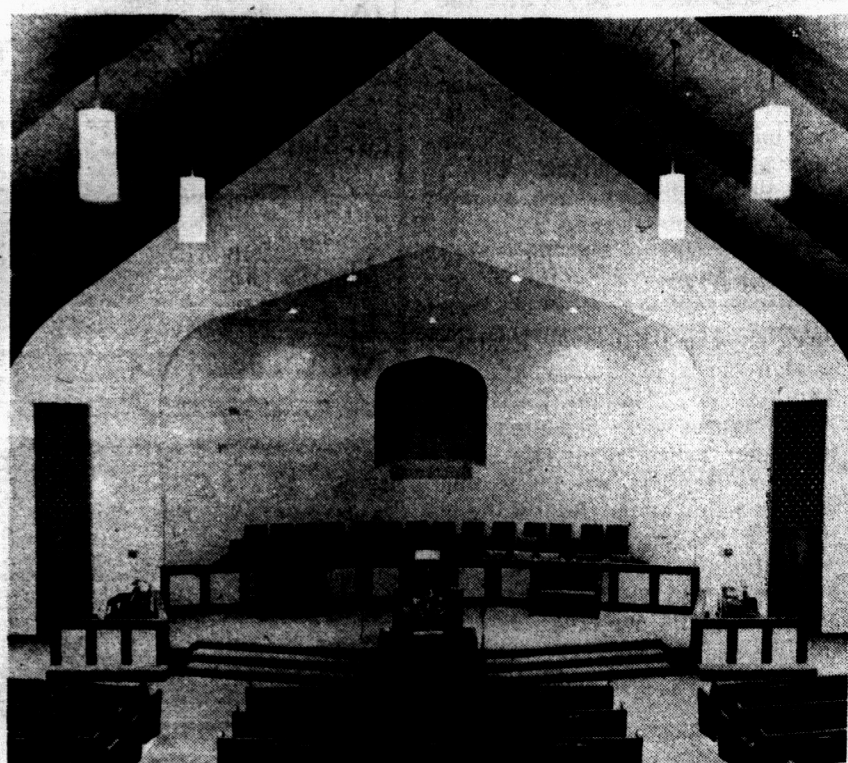
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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record



Emmanuel Church To Dedicate Sanctuary

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Grenada, Mississippi, will dedicate its new sanctuary Sept. 21. Dr. Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, will be the dedication speaker. The new sanctuary will seat 605 people and cost \$293,000. The church has had the greatest year of growth in its 25 year history; 108 people have been received for membership,

and total giving will reach over \$100,000 this church year. Mission giving is 20 per cent of undesignated gifts and this year is the highest ever. Bobby Shurden has been called as a full time Minister of Music and Youth. Don Henderson has been the pastor for 6½ years. Sam Oswalt and Son, from Mathiston was the general contractor for the building.



Beacon Street Builds Pastorium

Construction has begun on a new pastorium for Beacon Street Church in Philadelphia. The four-bedroom, three-bath brick home will be on Northwest Street north of the church. Pictured at the groundbreaking are the pastor, Dr. Henry E. Hight, the Building Committee co-chairmen, Odell Dearing and Carley J. Hardy, other committee members and deacons.

Sauls Valley Pastor Resigns

Rev. Charles Ezell, pastor of Sauls Valley (Lawrence), has resigned after serving there for 22 months, in his first pastorate. Under his leadership the church attendance and offerings were higher than at any time in the history of the church. There were 40 baptisms and four revivals. Within the past year, a \$50,000 masonry sanctuary has been built and is debt-free, due to the faithful labor of the men in the church. Church Training has been started. Mr. Ezell is available for pastoral duties or for supply work. He may be contacted at Route 1, Meadeville, MS 39653 (phone 532-6328). He is married to the former Bessie Mae Lee, also of Franklin County, and has three daughters, Valerie, Sharayn and Stacy.

Central Plans

Oct. 5 Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at Central Church, Brookhaven, October 5. All present and former members are invited. Rev. Ace McVay, Baton Rouge, former pastor, will be guest speaker for the morning service.

Lunch will be served at the church, followed with a special program of music. The history of the church will be presented during the afternoon service.

Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

Eastside, Pearl

To Celebrate

44th Anniversary

Eastside Church of Pearl will observe their 44th anniversary by celebrating homecoming day on Sunday, September 21. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be special guest speaker at the morning service.

Dinner on the grounds, a highlight of the day, will be followed by afternoon singing. Rev. Howard Benton, pastor, invites former members and friends. (The church is at 3464 Patterson Drive, Pearl)



Flora Church

Welcomes Pastor

Members of Flora Church held a reception August 24 to welcome their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. James Arden Sadler, Jr., and their sons, Jim and Bill.

The Sadlers moved to Florida from Grand Bay Church, Grand Bay, Alabama.



Fredericks To Siloam (Clay)

Siloam Church, Clay County, has called Rev. Walter Fredericks, former pastor of Palestine Church near Bogalusa, La., for almost 3 years, as pastor.

A native of Russellville, Alabama, he is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Gloria Sutherland of Tusculum, Ala. They have two children, Huey, 12 and Traci, 8.

While Mr. Fredericks was pastor at Palestine, there was evidence of growth, both spiritual and physical.

Siloam Church welcomed their new pastor and family with a pantry shower and a covered dish supper.

Mr. Fredericks opened his ministry by having a revival in which he served as speaker.

Devotional

Help For The Heavy Hearted

By Charles Stubblefield, Pastor, Ecu
Luke 7:11-16

There was nothing new about this funeral procession. This same scene had repeated itself many times through the country side. Yet to this widow of Nain and to those friends gathered for her comfort it was a new and overwhelming experience. The procession was bearing the widow's only son to the burial grounds. Something else was new also. At the city gate stood the Man of Nazareth who stopped the procession and spoke to the widow, touched the funeral bier, and commanded the dead son to rise. This miraculous event brought fear to all those that glorified God.

Many are those who have borne their loved ones to their burial plots in deep sorrow and distress and have met Jesus of Nazareth standing in the gateway of life and death ready to give his comfort to the distressed. This passage speaks to us several lessons about the experience of life and death.

Jesus cared for the troubled. The Psalmist cried out in deep distress, "No man cared for my soul." Some may feel there is no one who really cares, but most often this is not the case at all. There is often a sainted mother, a friendly teacher, a praying deacon, an understanding neighbor, and a concerned pastor who care and demonstrate their caring in service and love.

Jesus brings hope to the distressed. The widow of Nain is one of a great multitude who have experienced this hope under the duress of distress. Darkness of death had broken every dream, cancelled every plan, changed every hope the mother and son had made, but Jesus brought a ray of hope that dispelled the deepest gloom. Well can the believer sing "Be not dismayed whatever betide. God will take care of you."

Jesus means life in the presence of death. His miracle of life changed sorrow to joy and brought new life to the son. To Mary and Martha, who had lost their brother in death, the promise of the resurrected life was given. Not as something to be experienced in the far distant future, but to be experienced in the NOW of their lives. It is the same today. Jesus means life NOW for those who trust him, and his life is greater than the power of death.

Jesus gives instruction to the living. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus indicates that he will be a yoke-fellow to everyone who will come to him. Every burden can be shared, every load lightened, and the way made easy. A burden, a loss, a great distress is not the end of the way when Jesus takes it up.

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!
(Baptist Hymnal, "The Strife is O'er")

Providence To Mark Olander's 60th Anniversary

Sunday, September 28, will be Joe Olander Day at Providence Church, Yazoo County. Sixty years ago, that church called Rev. C. J. Olander, now of Tchula, as pastor — the fourth Sunday in September, 1915.

On this special Sunday, the church will have annual home-

coming, beginning with Sunday School at 10, followed by morning worship at 11, dinner on the grounds, and afternoon service at 1:30. Mr. Olander is to speak at both morning and afternoon services. Rev. Robert I. Martin is Providence pastor.

The second Sunday of November, 1975, will mark the 62nd year since Mr. Olander was licensed by Calvary Church, Jackson, to preach the gospel. Dr. H. M. King was the Calvary pastor at the time he received his license. On September 22, Mr. Olander will be 81.

Revival Dates

Perkinston Church (Gulf Coast): Sept. 15-21; Rev. Harold Allen, pastor of First Church, Gallatin, Tennessee, evangelist; Bennie Warren, minister of music, singer; services 7:30 p.m.

Crestwood Church, Jackson: September 21-27; 7 p.m.; pastor-evangelist, Houston Haynes; music director, Noel Haynes.

Damascus (Hinds - Madison): September 21-25; Rev. V. R. Cridder, pastor and evangelist; Ira Bradshaw, music director, singer; Robin Bridges, pianist; services Monday-Thursday at 7 p.m.; services on Sunday, September 21, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with lunch served at the church.

Big Level, Stone County, Wiggins: September 28 - October 3; Rev. Lester Hawkins, pastor, First, Gulf Breeze, Fla., evangelist; Grant Shipp, minister of music, Big Ridge, Biloxi, in charge of music; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Julian Burt, pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Centerville (Walthall): August 10-15; Rev. R. E. Hollon, evangelist; Rev. H. G. Martin, pastor; Donald Pigott, singer; 14 professions of faith; three additions by letter; 25 rededications.

Panola Plans Seminary Extension Classes On Hosea

A Bible class for ministers and lay persons will begin this fall in Panola Association. It will be a seminary extension class on the Book of Hosea taught by Dr. James Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College.

The meeting nights are Oct. 6 and 13, Nov. 3 and 10, and Dec. 1 and 8. Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

The total cost will be \$20, which includes books. Classes will meet at First Baptist Church, Batesville. Those interested should contact G. E. Jolley in Batesville at 563-7439.

LIVERPOOL (ENS) — British Methodism is "not entering a crisis, we are in a crisis," according to the retiring president of Conference, the Rev. J. Russell Pope. "How long," he asked, "can we survive if we go on losing some 15,000 members a year? You will hear at this conference that we have lost 45,000 members in the last three years, and 50,000 members in the preceding three years — 95,000 in six years."



A Woman's World Reaches For
Beyond the Ironing Board

— Wilda Fancher

When James and I were in high school, our school's football team was something special in high school sports. Elzie Hinz, the coach, was something special, too, a man who coached his players in the rules of a Christian life as well as in the rules of football. It wasn't uncommon for him to have every member of his team in Sunday school and church. It wasn't uncommon for him to love his team members and the other students in our town.

The town thrilled to the kind of sportsmanship and high caliber football his coaching rushed out onto our football field on Friday nights in the fall. We screamed, yelled, shouted, praised, and exhorted them to more victories than failures. The victories were sweet, and the failures were surely not happening.

One night James and his date (in pre-Wilda days) were, in turn, sitting and standing while Louisville was on the way to losing the game. Just behind them was a very critical fan — of high school age. He said something harsh about practically every Louisville player on the field. Some of his remarks had basis, but most of his talk was the unreined, disgruntled verbalizing of a loser. He knew how every play should have been called and executed and whose fault everything was. James' date had a brother on the team. She listened to as much of the talk as she could take; then she turned around and said, "Why aren't you out there in the game?"

When I hear someone criticizing the church, telling why it seems to be losing a game, I want to ask him the same question.

Monday — morning sermonizing by a spectator Christian belongs in a file right by the side of Monday-morning quarterbacking.

Names In The News

Dr. Betty Hearn, head of the English Department at Blue Mountain College, has been named one of eleven academic humanists to serve as library consultants with the Mississippi Library Commission's "Mississippi Writers in Context," according to an announcement made by Miss Mary Love, MLC director.

Among the eleven academic humanists named to serve as public library consultants with the Mississippi Library Commission's "Mississippi Writers in Context" is Dr. Sarah Rouse of Clinton, chairman of the Division of Humanities at Mississippi College, according to three years.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, missionaries to Bangladesh, have adopted a daughter, Jamie Ginnever, born July 31, 1975. Currently in the States on furlough, they may be addressed at 125 Cannonade St., Kosciusko, Miss. 39090.

Don Driskell has accepted the position as minister of education and youth at First, Brandon. He and his family will move to Brandon from Dumas, Texas. Rev. W. Thomas Baddley, Jr. is the pastor.

Rev. Bobby Powers has resigned as pastor of Franklin Creek Church, Jackson County, after four years service there. He is available for supply and can be contacted at 475-2889.

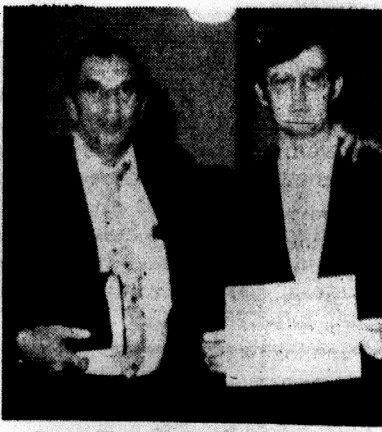
Aubrey M. Gaskins, minister of music at Harrisburg, Tupelo for the past seven years, has resigned to become minister of music at Highland Church, Florence, Alabama. Dr. Robert L. Hamblin is the Harrisburg pastor.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin on September 1 began his 18th year as pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Batson, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 07-0558, 70000 Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil.

Sam Bennett, 94, father of Rev. Donald A. Bennett, died July 14 in an Atlanta nursing home. Born at McCall Creek, Mississippi, Mr. Bennett was a policeman in Memphis in several years and then returned to this state where he was active in farming interests. His own, Rev. Donald Bennett, preached the funeral message. Survivors besides this son include his wife, Mrs. Ella Lea Bennett, 88, who lives with a daughter in Atlanta; three daughters; two other sons; 13 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Crowder church has called J. Wayne Baggett as director of youth and music, and he and his wife, the former Peggy Howell, moved to Crowder where Wayne had been music director of Friendship Church for three years. Baggett is a native of Nettleton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baggett. He graduated from Itawamba Jr. College, and is a May graduate of Miss. State University. Peggy is a native of Aberdeen and is a May graduate of Mississippi University for Women. She is now teaching at Crowder. Rev. Truman D. Scarborough is



Rev. Kenny Goff, right, was ordained to the gospel ministry August 10 at First Church, Bennedale, in George County. Rev. George Harper, pastor, left, states that Mr. Goff has accepted a call to Northside Church, George County, as associate pastor and song director.

Pat Roper, minister of music at Washington Avenue Church, Greenville, S. C. Has resigned to enter fulltime music evangelism. Native of Mobile, he is a graduate of Mobile Baptist College. He is married to the former Dona Lisa Aldridge, also of Mobile, and they have one son. Mr. Roper may be contacted at P. O. Box 773, Greenville, S. C. 29602, or by phone 803-289-7698, or 803-295-1610.

Paul Liddell has been awarded a pin for five years perfect attendance at Sunday School, by the Leflore Church in Grenada County. Rev. Buster Thomas, pastor. Six others received pins for less than five years.

Dorothy Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, is home on a six-month leave, living at 808-B Carolina Avenue, Bogalusa, La. 70427. (The September 4 issue of the Record mentioned a different address in Bogalusa.) Miss Emmons is a native Mississippian and graduate of MC. In January she will return to Arusha, Tanzania, where she teaches in the Baptist Seminary of East Africa.

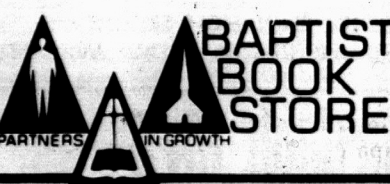
Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, missionaries to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China).

Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Redmon, missionaries to Costa Rica, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado 322, San Pedro Montes De Oca, San Jose, Costa Rica).

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Nabors, missionaries to Gaza, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 494 N. Highland, Memphis, Tenn. 38122). He is a native of Mississippi.



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